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COMMUNISTS HALT YANGTSE DRIVE

Reports Say Cease-Fire Issued To Red Forces RUMOURS ON SHANGHAI

Nanking, April, 12.

The Communists were today reported to have halted their general drive against the Yangtse River in accordance with the Communist High Command cease-fire order to all their frontline forces in the country.

A responsible official source confirmed that latest information from Peiping said the Communist orders were issued yesterday. He said the orders called upon the Communist forces not to attack during the peace talks.

Inflation To Continue

Nanking, April 12.
There was no possibility of altering Nationalist China's policy until after a peace settlement had been concluded, the Finance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu, was reliably reported today to have told the Legislative Yuan in a closed session.

Ordinance On Strikes To Be Aired

An Ordinance to outlaw strikes and lock-outs having objectives other than the furtherance of a trade dispute and being designed to coerce the Government, will have its first reading at the Legislative Council meeting today.

The new Ordinance also makes it an offence to start or to continue or to apply any sums in furtherance or support of such strikes and lock-outs.

No person who is employed in the service of the Crown under the Government of Hong Kong or by any company, firm or person engaged in supplying water, electric current or gas to the public or engaged in maintaining any public transport, bus service or public ferry, or engaged in maintaining any telephone or sanitary service, shall wilfully break a contract of service if he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing (either alone or in combination with others) would, failing the adoption of extraordinary measures, be to deprive the inhabitants of the Colony of their supply of water, electric current or gas or of the ordinary facilities of transport or of the telephone or of sanitary services, according to the Ordinance.

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Every person who contravenes any provision of this Ordinance shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

Chinese press reports that the government's Chief of General Staff, General Ku Chu-tung yesterday also issued a cease-fire order to Nationalist frontline forces were denied by the government spokesman as incorrect. The spokesman said there was no necessity for the government to issue such an order because its troops are on the defensive.

A high official source said the Communists agreed to halt attacks against Nationalist positions after the government peace delegates appealed directly to the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung over the heads of the Communist official delegation.

Press reports reaching Nanking today said General Lin Biao's Manchurian Communists, which advanced to within 30 miles North of Hankow, were now withdrawing Northwards towards Huaiyang, 125 miles to the North.

Other reports this morning said local clashes were still in progress at some points, including Wuhu and Anking, 30 and 145 miles South West of Nanking, but the general drive as a whole was petering out.

The reports added that Nationalist units in Wuhu and Anking were still attacking because they had not yet received the cease-fire orders.

Fighting Halts

The semi-official Military News Agency said today that fighting had halted North of Nanking, and said that the Communists were withdrawing Northwards an average of two miles. Since late yesterday evening gunfire was no longer audible in Chienkiang.

The agency added that the government forces were staying in their positions without making any effort to pursue the withdrawing Communists.

The army organ, Peace Daily, reported today that government troops guarding the bridgeheads opposite Nanking yesterday morning advanced five miles Northward to capture Huaiyang, rail station. The paper said this operation was undertaken to widen the elbow room for the forces defending Nanking.

The Peace Daily also reported the government capture yesterday from Yuyuan, rail town 50 miles North of Hankow in Central China.

Reuter reports that Nationalist troops have lost five but still retain five other bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtse East of Nanking, according to reports from Chienkiang, the Nationalist stronghold on the South bank, 40 miles East of the capital.

The bridgeheads lost to date in fighting that has been in progress during the past week are Tachow, 15 miles East of Nanking, Yichang, 30 miles East of the capital, Sanjiangying, 15 miles North East of Chienkiang, Lungwukow and Tienhsienchian, both about 100 miles North West of Shanghai.

The bridgeheads still held are Hukow, opposite Nanking, Shihwei, Luwei and Kwachow, opposite Chienkiang, and Pawel Kang, about 60 miles North West of Shanghai.

Chienkiang reports today said that there was a lull in the Communist heavy fighting last night with the exception of Pawel Kang, where there has been some skirmishing today.

In Shanghai, rumours that an agreement has been reached with the Communists, safeguarding Shanghai from occupation in return for a substantial monetary consideration, are persistent in well-informed quarters.

No confirmation is at present available of these rumours, but they are circulating among many

New Plans For Nationalisation By Labour Govt

London, April 12.
Britain's Labour Party today proposed a second instalment of nationalisation, a plan to take over insurance companies, the sugar manufacturing and refining industry, the cement industry, water supplies and all suitable minerals.

This new five year programme, which has yet to be endorsed by the Party's National Conference in June, will be put into force if Labour wins next year's general election.

The 30 page manifesto warned the ship-building and repairing industry that if private enterprise

Message On Ship Accident

A telegram was received yesterday by the Governor of Hong Kong from the Colonial Office in connection with the sinking of the ss. Miss Orient last month.

The message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, said: "I much regret to learn of the sinking of the Miss Orient in such tragic circumstances.

"Please convey my sincere sympathy to the injured and to the relatives of those who lost their lives."

failed, Labour would not hesitate to take all steps necessary to ensure that this national asset is never again neglected.

The vast chemical industry, about whose future there has been considerable speculation, was told: "If it should prove necessary in order to assure national vital interests, Labour will transfer to public ownership any appropriate sections of this key industry."

Proposing the nationalisation of insurance, the manifesto declared: "Labour proposes that all the industrial assurance companies, the highest being the Prudential and the Pearl, and the larger collecting societies, should be taken over as they stand."—Reuter.

The Swiss Have A Book For It

As your fingers curl around that mug, as you wipe the foam from your well satisfied lips, be glad that beer-drinking in Hong Kong is so simple. In Switzerland it is different.

Yes, in some parts of Switzerland they have complicated the process of imbibing by a book of rules, which says how much and when and provides penalties for disobedience.

This quaint custom came over the border from Germany, according to a man who knows. While it does not generally prevail in Switzerland today, there are still a number of clubs in the German section of Switzerland which drink by the book. Unusually students form the main body of membership.

The ritualistic drinkers propose toasts at their sessions which must be replied to in a standard manner.

For instance, if the proposer says: "I give you the foam," he means he is drinking one-quarter of a glass in your honour. You must reply by drinking one-quarter of your glass.

"I give you the half" replied to by drinking half your glass. Then there is a toast similar to the Chinese "yam sang" or "Hong Kong. Pronounced 'ex', it means that you must drink all your beer at once.

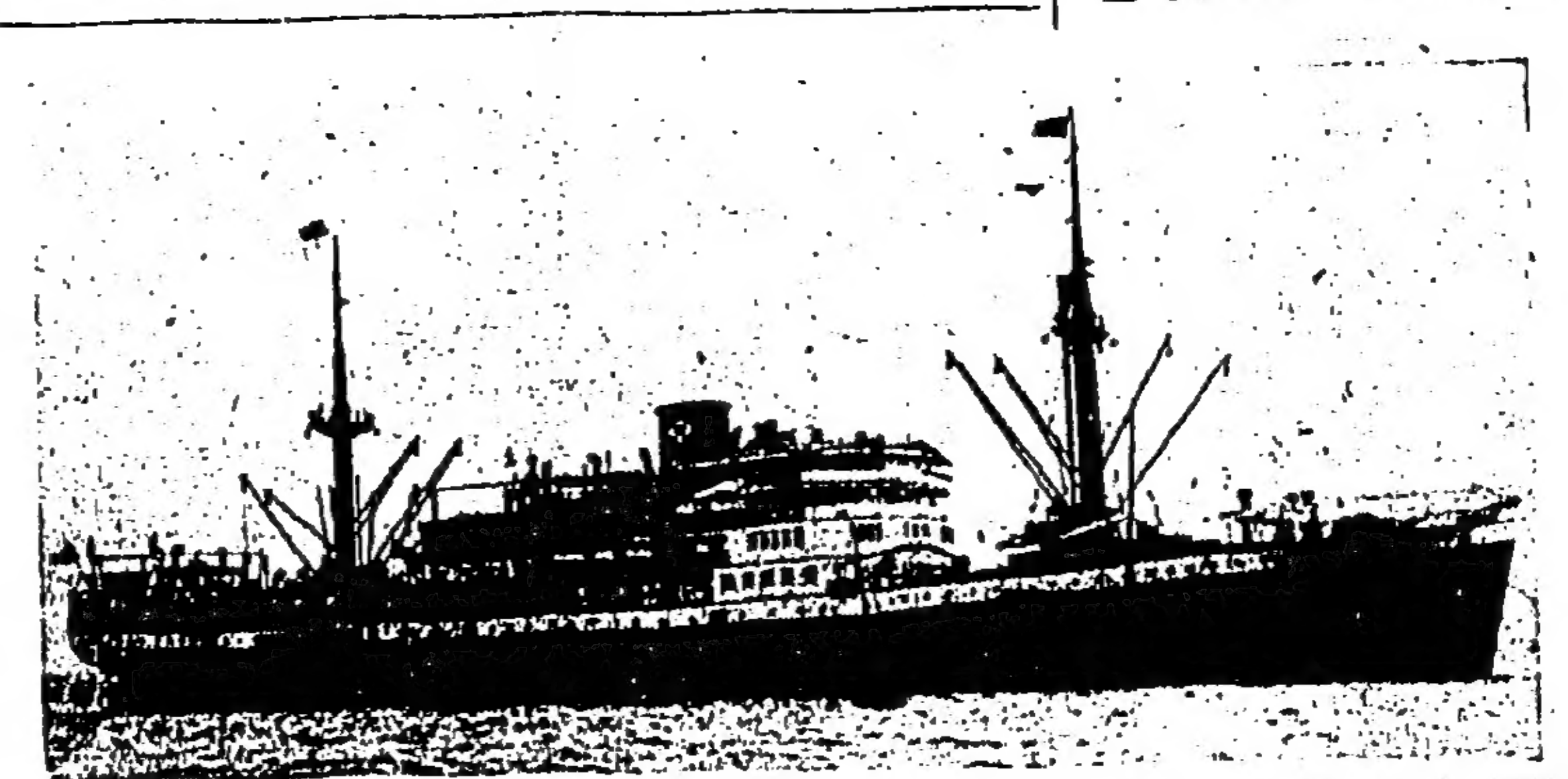
If, however, the proposer of the toast says "I give you a special," you do not get anything to drink. He empties his glass in your honour, but you do not reply to the toast at all.

Members misbehaving at a beer session are penalised on the spot by the Master of Ceremonies. Frequently he orders a "beer duel" between the culprits. The first man to down his glass is declared the winner.

If a really serious breach of the rules occurs, the penalty is correspondingly severe. Some men have been ordered to go without beer for three whole days!

Makes you think, doesn't it?

Explosion On Dutch Vessel



But for prompt action by the master, Mr. G. N. Prass, and the coolness of the passengers, the Dutch steamer Van Reimsdijk would have been the scene of another shipping disaster when an explosion in her No. 2 hatch, containing 500 tons of cargo, including timber, rocked the 2,977-ton vessel as she was proceeding to Hong Kong from the Straits last week-end.—(China Mail) Photo

Prompt Action Averts Shipping Disaster Aboard Dutch Vessel

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Prompt action by the master, Mr. G. N. Prass, of the ss. Van Reimsdijk, evidently averted what would have been another shipping disaster when the 2,977-ton Dutch steamer was rocked by an explosion as she was proceeding to Hong Kong from the Straits last week-end.

Every passenger was equipped with a lifejacket and the lifeboats were prepared for immediate launching when smoke was detected emanating from the No. 2 hatch, containing about 500 tons of cargo, including timber.

One and a half hours after the warning, an explosion rocked the ship, injuring several members of the crew who were then engaged in removing the luggage of the passengers in the tween-deck above the hatch.

There was hardly any sign of panic among the passengers, who were by then fully prepared for any emergency.

To kill the resultant fire, water was let in to flood the hold. The Van Reimsdijk steamed at 10 knots (normally 14 knots) for Saigon as a precaution, instead of proceeding to Hoihow, her original port of call before calling here.

Damage to the cargo amounted to several tons, according to Mr. Prass. These were left behind at the French port, where she stayed for two days.

"The cause is still unknown and we may dock here, but this is not definite yet," the skipper declared on his arrival here yesterday.

The hold was taken this opportunity to complainant the behaviour of the passengers, about 300 of them, who went through the incident with extraordinary calm," he remarked.

Smoke Detected

"An officer detected smoke coming out from the No. 2 hatch at about 3.30 p.m. when we were two days out from Singapore. There were about 90 Chinese

passengers in the tween-deck above it and they were instructed to leave.

"Their co-operation and trust in us was admirable," Mr. Prass asserted. It was more owing to their calmness and faith that the ship's personnel was able to control the situation without a hitch, he added.

"They left their luggage behind without grudging and took it magnificently when advised to put on the lifejackets.

"Other passengers in the adjoining tween-decks were also removed to the upper deck.

"During the eight hours before we reached Saigon at 10 knots the passengers indulged in wild speculation, but there was hardly any sign of panic or frantic fear. Many did not know about the explosion or fire until they were at Saigon.

Good Attention

They were given good attention by the crew during the two-day stay at the French port, while investigation was underway," the skipper related.

Mr. Prass stated that most of the cargo damaged was due to the water which was flowed into the hatch to extinguish the fire. "I had the welfare of the passengers to think of more than the cargo," he declared.

Half an hour after the fire warning, the passengers were already on the deck, being prepared for any emergency. During the one hour before the blow up, the crew were engaged in removing the luggage from the tween-deck above the No. 2 hatch. Shrapnel injured five, including the Dutch fourth engineer, an Indonesian guard and three Chinese seamen.

The Van Reimsdijk, which has been on the China Coast run for about 35 years, brought 765 Chinese deck passengers, most of whom embarked at Hoihow, 12 Europeans and 500 tons of general cargo.

According to the skipper she had about 2,000 tons of general cargo after leaving Singapore.

This was the first incident of its kind ever experienced by the steamer, Mr. Prass stated.

The passengers were mostly businessmen, farmers and their families. Practically all of them had their entire household paraphernalia. Many are leaving for their respective villages by train during this week.

A Bill to give the North Point Wharves, Limited, power, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council, to make by-laws for the maintenance of order and safety in the conduct of its business, will be presented to the Legislative Council today for the first reading.

Currency Rules For Travellers To, From Britain

Details of the currency regulations affecting travellers entering and leaving the United Kingdom were released by the Public Relations Office yesterday.

Travellers entering the United Kingdom may bring in not more than £5 in sterling notes, travellers' cheques, letters of credit, etc., in any currency and to any amount. Notes in currencies other than sterling without limit.

Tourists and other temporary visitors should, however, make sure that the amounts of such notes are correctly stamped in their passports by the Immigration Officer at the place of entry into the United Kingdom; otherwise they will experience difficulty should they wish to take the notes with them when leaving the United Kingdom.

Travellers leaving the United Kingdom may take out not more than £5 in sterling notes, and/or the equivalent of £10 in notes in currencies other than sterling, but tourists and other temporary visitors may take out of the United Kingdom notes up to the amount stamped in their passports by the Immigration Officer when they arrived in the United Kingdom.

With these exceptions no notes in currencies other than sterling may be taken out of the United Kingdom unless the traveller produces a Certificate "C" to the Immigration Officer at the place of exit from the United Kingdom to obtain this certificate travellers should apply to a bank or travel agent in the United Kingdom.

If travellers who are about to leave the United Kingdom have excess amounts of currency or are in any doubt as to the amounts they will be allowed to take with them they are advised to consult a bank. In their own interests travellers should make sure that they do not arrive at the place of entry or departure with excess currency since the excess cannot be deposited with Customs or Immigration Officers but will be taken.

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Tonight, lightermen—men who ply cargo barges in the Thames—are meeting to decide if they will join the strike.

Along London's miles of docks, export goods are piling up—automobiles, machinery and textiles. Of the 60 ships made idle, many have large quantities of meat, wheat, flour, cheese and cocoa awaiting discharge.

The Labour Ministry is understood to be attempting a conciliation of the strike. If the stoppage continues, the authorities are expected to consider sending troops to the docks to shift the perishable cargoes, as was done in the dockland tie-up of last June.

It is expected that the Cabinet will meet at its meeting tomorrow. The stoppage is causing some anxiety in ministerial quarters.

An early parliamentary statement on the strike is likely, and there will be doubtless the official effort to avoid the delay in handling food supplies, which occurred in last year's London dock strike.

—Reuter.



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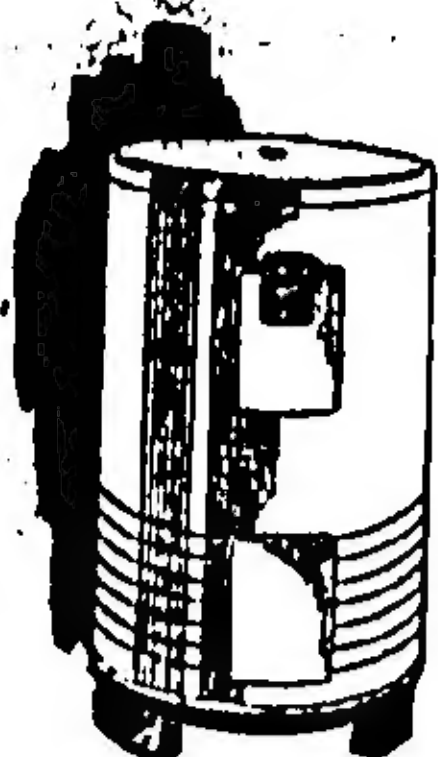
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Reminders

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Dining Trust Session, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.
HK Stage Club Casting Meeting for "Quiet Week-end" at PRO Lecture Room, 8 p.m.
Toe II Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Union Church Management Committee meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
HK Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.
Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Cosmo Club, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, talk on "Farms in Three Countries" by Mr. T. G. Strangeways, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
HK Reform Club fourth public meeting, The Griggs, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Missionary Ordinance

The First Reading of an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the President in Hong Kong of the China Peniel Missionary Society will take place at today's Legislative Council meeting.

An official explanation said that the China Peniel Missionary Society has for many years carried on missionary and welfare work in China and Hong Kong and it is desired to incorporate the President in Hong Kong of the Society as a Corporation solely to ensure continuity of succession.

Clause 4 of the Bill provides for the succession to property.

Clause 6 of the Bill provides for the appointment of the President.

Clause 7 of the Bill contains provisions saving the rights of the Crown as required, in the case of the private Bill, by Article XXVII of the Royal Instructions.

The education and training of electrical and mechanical engineers in the United Kingdom was the subject of a talk by Mr. W. A. Ankerson, local representative of Metropolitan Vickers, at the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

Like medicine and the law, said Mr. Ankerson, it is not possible to become a proper engineer without practical training as well as academic training, and that means an engineer's education is a lengthy business. In his own case it took seven years.

The first essential is for one to have taken the London Matriculation or some equivalent examination, usually at the age of 15 or 16 years. Three courses are then open.

The first is school apprenticeship, which is the most arduous but probably the least expensive. The boy goes to the works immediately on leaving school, and undergoes a very thorough practical training in many departments for five years. During this period he attends lectures in the Works and at Manchester Technological Institute. He is also expected to attend evening classes at the Tech.

A boy who is seriously interested in obtaining a full engineering degree can do so by steady evening work through the five years of his practical training, when he would become a fully qualified engineer.

The second course is a college apprenticeship. Here the intending engineer has first to obtain an engineering degree before he will be accepted by the Works for training for a period of two years. During this period they are paid about £5 a week during the first year and about £5-3-0 during the second year. Selection of candidates in the major universities and technical schools is made annually by a selection committee from the Works Education Department. In this second course the boy will need to go to a university or technical school, and assuming his degree course takes three to four years, the total period of his training will be from five to six years.

Apprenticeship

The third course is the pre-technical college apprenticeship. In this course the boy, having obtained his matriculation, goes straight to the Works for a period of one year, during which he is expected to attend evening classes in order to prepare himself for the third course.



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Hunan Back From Tientsin

The Butterfield and Swire steamer Hunan arrived here from Tientsin with 21 Europeans, a Korean and 267 Deck passengers. She brought about 1,000 tons of cargo, including sugar, vegetables, split and cuttle fish. This was the first official trip which the B. and S. vessel made to Tientsin since the Red occupation of the city. She went there for the first time to escort two strayed fighters back, which she met en route to Korea from here last month.

Funeral Of Mr. L. G. Coombes

The funeral of Mr. Leslie Griffin Coombes, who died at the War Memorial Hospital on April 10, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday. The chief mourners were Mrs. Florence Coombes and her daughter, Pamela. Reverend J. E. Sandbach conducted the Service. Among those attended were: Lieutenant Commander J. Atkinson RN representing Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, Commander J.D. Ainger RN, representing Commodore C.L. Robertson, A.J. Long, Inspector Muckay, W.H. Bailey, Mrs. J.S. Howarth, Mrs. W.E. Thomas, Mrs. A.J. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. E. Atkins, Mrs. S. Maclellan, G. Meyer, J. Thompson, A. Devlin, Mr. E.F. Pope, D.S. Oliver, W. Horwood, G. Gair, C.H. Dorey, A. Bailey, F.L. Patching, H. Tiplady. Wreaths were sent by: departments of the Naval Dockyard, L.P. Heywood of the Royal Observatory, George Moore, Captain and Officers of RFA, Banch, Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, Frank and Evelyn Miles, Kowloon United Church, Beryl Goldenberg, Ellen and Sidney Strange, E.B. Grant, Christina Mac Lennan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Moore, Sandy Cockrane, Buntie Maclellan, D.C. Weir, Mr. Mrs. J. Hassan, Y.K. Khan, V.K. Shinn, A.F. Wong and Civil members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Mr. Coombes was survived by his wife and two children, Pamela and David.

NON-GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

Civil Servants Aroused

When we are to be rid of this "Simple Simon" who has been put up as a puppet for the Civil Servants who have read his continual tirades of vituperation with a certain degree of amused contempt and have now reached the stage where we think a halt should be called, I would represent our point of view. We are here to do a job of work and the majority of us do it reasonably well. I do not propose to be laudatory so far as we are concerned. It takes all kinds of people to make a world. But I would point out that, although we are rarely used as "Aunt Sallies" by the general public, we are forbidden to write to the Press, even in defence of our own good name. We are thus precluded from replying to the constant venom poured upon us by such as "Simple Simon". Only in the letter such as appeared in the "Sunday Herald" under this pseudonym would make me break that regulation, and I have only done so after a lapse of two days when no official action has been taken.

FOOD, FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel prices compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended April 9		
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Rice and Flour	7.2	11.4700
Vegetables	1.0	1.2730
Salt Fish	2.2	1.5000
Oil	1.1	1.6770
Tea	2.2	1.9000
Salt Fish	2.2	1.5000
Pork	2.2	2.5000
Pineapple	10.0	1.2000
Beef Cured, 14 pieces		7.0000
Total		512.8800

the most ideal in that it afforded the student an opportunity of mixing and working together with the workmen, and thus giving him a better understanding of his men when he becomes a qualified engineer.

President D. S. Hill extended the Club's welcome to visiting Rotarians A. T. Quan and Dr. H. W. Wall from Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. and J. Muckle, Percy Kwok and W. S. H. Huang from Shanghai.

Among the guests were Mr. H. Wrigley, new Australian Trade Commissioner, and Messrs. D. Longman, S. S. Reuben, V. S. Reuben and E. S. Reuben, C. J. R. Ghaidi, C. Wolosh, P. C. Quock and A. Louie.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Substantiate Attacks

Sir,—The many writings of "Simple Simon" which you have published in your columns over the past months have on occasions afforded me a little amusement. But now, I submit he has gone too far. On Sunday in the "Sunday Herald" and again on Tuesday in the "China Mail" he makes a statement which calls for either a rapid substantiation or full apology to the many people he libels. I refer to the Government Departments in Hong Kong reek with corruption.

I am proud to number amongst my friends quite a few Government servants, and I say without hesitation that they are honest, devoted citizens doing a good job of work. For their errors and misjudgments they are pilloried by such muck-rakers as "Simple Simon". For their acts of foresight and efficiency they receive no recognition from the general public. That people such as "Simple Simon" be allowed to slur the reputations of so many decent men is disgraceful.

If we assume for one moment that "Simple Simon" has grounds for his statements, then it is his duty as a citizen to place his knowledge at the service of the Commissioner of Police and not publish his "knowledge" anonymously in the press.

And lastly, if I may be permitted, a short message to "Simple Simon"—put up or shut up!

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It is an ancient British custom that fair play is the inalienable right of every man. Another ancient British custom is that a person may ventilate his grievances in the Press, provided that the Editor is satisfied as to his bona-fides and that publication of such grievance is a matter of public interest. It is further a very ancient British Law that the publisher of anything is responsible at law for what he publishes.

I would suggest to you, Sir, that you would be wise to ponder upon whether or not the publication of further letters in like vein in a dangerous thing. It would appear to myself and my friends that "Simple Simon's" statement that Government Departments simply reek with corruption is one that is actionable at law. If "Simple Simon" has proof of his statement he has nothing to fear in publishing the facts over his own name, rather than hide

behind a pseudonym. If he has no proof, he should be dealt with and pay the penalty that the law exacts and his malice deserves.

"RUAT COELUM"

Amplification

Sir,—In connection with my letter which appeared in yesterday's issue of the "China Mail" I would like to take this opportunity of pointing out that in my references to corruption in the majority of Government Departments in Hong Kong, I did not intend to mean or imply that all Government Servants here were corrupt.

I appreciate that there are many Government Servants whose conduct is above reproach, but in the hurly burly of everyday life, one does not come across these honourable gentlemen, but must perforce deal with subordinates, some of whom, give or take, the whole Service is a bad.

SIMPLE SIMON.

Sovereign Rights

Sir,—Apparently Doo Mo Lo, your correspondent, confused the issue of sovereign rights of China with the question of Anglo-American interests and ideology as far as my letter was concerned. I did not discuss the abstract idea of sovereignty.

What I attempted to point out was that Anglo-American diplomacy, backed by dollars, machine-guns and gun boats, and engineered by Old China Hands—O. M. Greens, Rodney Gilberis, J. O. P. Blands, H. G. W. Woodheads and never "Emin Trusts"—has destroyed the very thing which diplomacy meant to achieve. The philosophy of Old China Hands that John Chinamen can only be servants but not masters has been a failure.

Old China Hands—who appear to be in the habit of either things Chinese or non-Chinese—keep on pouring out their ignorant eloquence until they are driven away from one Treaty Port into another by the slave-ridden Chinese led by Comrade Josef Stalin who, obviously, learnt a great deal of Old China Hands' insistence on intervention.

Doo Mo Lo's letter represents the expression of sentiments of Old China Hands who refuse to admit mistakes and confess defeat. These sentiments—obstinate and doubtless—obscure the real causes for the decline of the West in the East. They are in fact the best assets the Kremlin has in conquering the world without firing a shot.

"A.B. WOODENHEAD"

Automobile Association

Sir,—On Saturday last I read a report on the work of the Automobile Association of Hong Kong in one of the English newspapers.

It seems that not enough people know what helpfulness the Association gives to motorists and how the attendants mend punctures and help you if your car is broken down. Also it seems that the Association does a lot of things for motorists besides these things.

It seems to me that if more people, especially Chinese, were to join the Association, there would be money to get additional attendants and more breakdown vans on the road. Therefore, I and two of my Chinese friends have decided to join.

We find that we can get membership forms at the filling stations so I suggest that all the Chinese and Europeans learn what the Association does, because I think it is a duty to join. There will, I think, be more helpfulness and friendship on the roads when members meet like in a club and if your car breaks down you will save a lot of trouble.

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YMCA BRAINS TRUST SESSION

A Brains Trust session, under the auspices of the European YMCA's Debating and Discussion Group, will be held at the YMCA, Kowloon, at 8.45 p.m. tonight. The question master will be Mr. L. Sturges. The "brains" will be composed of Commander Hecchini, Mr. B.A. Bernheim and Mr. G. A. Goodban.

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A story of two rich women from Shanghai, alleged to have been swindled in games of Fan Tan, was told to Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The committal proceedings of the case is likely to be one of the longest in the Colony. The opening will continue this morning.

The first four defendants, Ng Yau-ling (female), Tang Woon-kai, alias Tang Pak-ho, Shiu Chi-wan, alias Miss Lee (female) and Yeung Su were charged with larceny by trick and conspiracy to defraud HK\$300,000 from Ruby Ma.

The fifth defendant, Chong Shing was charged with larceny by trick of HK\$100,000. With Assistant Superintendent of Police Moore prosecuting, Mr. A. S. C. Corbett represented the first and second defendants, Mr. C. A. S. Ross the third defendant and M. A. de Silva the fourth defendant. Mr. Remondos, who is to represent the fifth defendant, was absent from yesterday's proceedings.

DS Moore said that in August 1947 Mrs. Young Su (Ma) arrived here from Shanghai by plane. The first defendant, Ng Yau-ling, was also on the same plane and introduced herself to Mrs. Young at the airport.

She asked Mrs. Young whether she could do her a favour in Manila and asked her to call at 50 Des Voeux Road Central a few days later.

Two days later Mrs. Young went to the address and met the first and second defendants. Soon afterwards they were joined by the fourth defendant, who was introduced to Mrs. Young as Yan Wai-pang.

The fourth defendant, Yeung Su, asked Mrs. Young if she could help a certain Miss Lee to get some jewellery back from Manila. If she would go, he said, he would be willing to pay a sum between HK\$10,000 to HK\$20,000 to cover expenses. Mrs. Young said that she thought she could help her.

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On the following day Mrs. Young again went to 50 Des Voeux Road Central. There she saw the first and second defendants and after half an hour they were joined by the fourth defendant. He told them that on the previous evening he had been to a party with Miss Lee and she lost HK\$200,000 at Fan Tan.

He himself, had to pay HK\$20,000 for her. Then, the fourth defendant suggested that they should form a syndicate in gambling because if they did not cheat her, someone else would.

Before they started gambling they had to have a minimum amount of HK\$300,000 between them. Mrs. Young agreed to the proposal and contributed HK\$37,000 as her share of the HK\$300,000. She also gave the first defendant a pair of ear rings, which could be mortgaged for HK\$20,000.

Mrs. Young was told by the first, second and fourth defendants that they had raised the remainder of the money and that it was in a safe in the Voeux Central. Then Miss Lee, the third defendant, came. She said that she had HK\$300,000 with her but Mrs. Young did not see the money. The first defendant asked Miss Lee if she would play Fan Tan with Mrs. Young and the third defendant agreed. She left and said that she would return later.

While she was away the fourth defendant suggested that they should take an oath of secrecy. The fourth defendant then showed Mrs. Young how to play

the part of banker in Fan Tan and taught her how to use her fingers as signal. Mrs. Young practised for about half an hour.

Shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon the third defendant returned with a bag. She said that the bag contained HK\$300,000. Ten games of Fan Tan were arranged.

Small Bets

In the first six games the first defendant lost. In the seventh game the third defendant put a large stake on No. 4 after Mrs. Young showed that No. 1 would be the winner. However, when Mrs. Young opened the Fan Tan she found the bet was on No. 1 instead of No. 4. The remaining three games were played with small bets.

The fourth defendant did not gamble but kept the tally which showed that in addition to HK\$300,000 as a banker Mrs. Young has lost a further HK\$100,000. After collecting the money the third defendant left and said that she would gamble with them any time when they had money.

On August 25, 1947 Mrs. Young with the first defendant and a man named Meng Siu-chek, went to a lawyer, H. K. Wu's office. Mrs. Ma signed a promissory note for HK\$300,000 in return for her ear rings.

A few days later Mrs. Young told Mrs. Ma the whole story. Then first defendant contacted Mrs. Ma and introduced herself. A few days later Mrs. Ma left for Shanghai, following Mrs. Yuan.

A week later Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Young returned to Hong Kong together. They were met at the airport by the first and second defendants. They went together for lunch.

During the lunch the first defendant said that she had no money and the fourth defendant was very ill. Mrs. Ma promised to help in connection with business. On December 13 another 10 games of Fan Tan were fixed among Mrs. Ma, Mrs. Young, and the first four defendants.

As before, Mrs. Ma was taught how to play the part of banker and how to use her finger as signal during the absence of Miss Lee. Again in the seventh game something went wrong. As a result Mrs. Ma lost HK\$100,000.

Then the fourth defendant promised to give all the money back to Mrs. Ma by selling his mines in Singapore.

On October 8, 1948 Mrs. Ma met the first defendant at a restaurant, and the latter admitted that they had swindled her.

On January 26 Mrs. Ma brought the matter to Inspector Moore and from then onward both Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Young were acting on the instruction of police.

The next day Mrs. Ma and Mrs. Young met the first, second and fourth defendants at a restaurant. The meeting was observed by Detective Sub-Inspector Yan Kwok-hsing. During the meeting the first defendant again admitted she had swindled them.

In view to get the four defendants together Mrs. Ma agreed to introduce a rich friend to them.

Personalities

Mr. F. Cleme left for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tainan.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony yesterday by CPA from Manila were Messrs. Thakuradas S. Marchandani, Cui Thun, Chet Bai S. Marchandani and Ting Kim-lan.

Mr. W. de Wilder, and Mrs. R. E. Maglin and her baby son left for Amoy and Kobe, respectively, yesterday by the ss. Foochow.

Dr. and Mrs. N. Tinnell, the Reverend Mr. A. F. Gilling and Mr. P. Alacube left the Colony yesterday by the ss. Heinrich Jensen for Amoy.

Miss Betty Wong Wing-ling, Assistant Almoner, Medical Department, has been awarded, under the Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship Scheme, a two-year Scholarship for the Diploma Course in Social Science at the London School of Economics. She will sail for United Kingdom in August this year.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. William Rignwick, missionary pastor of the Anglican School, 136 Pokfulam Road, and Miss Virginia Carlson, infirmary teacher, of the same address.

Sir Alvaro Gascoigne, special representative of the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, to Tokyo, left yesterday by BOAC plane for the United Kingdom.

Mr. A. Hollis and Mr. H. E. Wadsworth, British textile experts who have been inspecting the Colony's mills and formulating plans for the increase of production, left yesterday by BOAC plane for the United Kingdom.

Mr. Walter J. Kelly, President of Muller and Phipps (China), Ltd., arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Manila. He will be staying in Hong Kong for 10 days and will then proceed to Shanghai.

Mr. Jack Burns, photographer for Life magazine, arrived here yesterday by Philippine Airlines plane from Manila.

Mr. Jim Flood, A. P. Correspondent, left yesterday by Hong Kong Airways plane for Canton. He is later going to Hankow.

Mrs. V. Burnett, Miss C. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Miss H. A. Stewart, Messrs. J. M. A. Fay, L.M. Austin, C. C. Norman, and G. H. F. Willett left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. A. D. Bennett, W. E. Rundle and Chen Yu-chung left the Colony yesterday for Bangkok by BOAC.

Mr. M. F. Shellin left Hong Kong by BOAC yesterday for Calcutta.

Messrs. C. G. Hammes, A. Hollis and H. E. Wadsworth left Hong Kong for Augusta by BOAC yesterday.

Messrs. A. Parry, Pedro L. Jimilla, F. Dayani, A. G. Grothman and Afrain Ong were among the passengers who left for Manila on Monday by CPA.

Messrs. Sy Koh, Liu Haleng-isen, Tan To, and Quing See arrived in the Colony on Monday by CPA from Manila.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mrs. C. F. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sed-

'Twelfth Night' Due For Presentation

At the Ching Fleet Club Theatre on April 28, 29 and 30 the Hong Kong Stage Club are presenting Shakespeare's perennially delightful lyric comedy "Twelfth Night". This is the Stage Club's first venture in Shakespearean production but it promises to be interesting and lively.

The settings designed by Gordon Wicksworth aim at a colourful variety allowing speed in presentation, and the costumes designed by Margaret Obitas will be, in her usual manner, charming and effective.

The cast is a strong one, and includes a number of members who have not yet been in Stage Club productions. Coralie Wolfe and Molly Terry play the parts of the twins, Viola and Sebastian, whose similarity in appearance causes so much confusion. Hubert Hawes in a haze of foolish but endearing bewilderment portrays Sir Andrew Aguecheek, and Isaac Sison will certainly impress audiences with her mischievous Marlow. Conrad Watson and G. B. Gibbons also make their first appearance, the one as Feste the Jester, and the other playing Valentine and one of the Officers.

The difficult role of Olivia is played by Elizabeth Ride who has been seen recently as Lady Teazle in the University Arts Association production of "The School for Scandal".

Of the familiar faces, Derek Orchard as the Duke will send the play off with a swing, and smaller parts are being taken by Hubert Clarke, Henry Jones, Peter Levett, and Nelson Seliger.

It is fitting that Clifford Davies' final appearance in a Stage Club production should be in a part that demands and undoubtedly will receive, his quite notable skill, robust humour, and sensitive stagecraft.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Miss D. Hershon, Miss E. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hirst, Mrs. M. Ramsay, Mrs. C. N. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Mr. D. M. Deane, Messrs. E. S. Wilson, E. H. W. Lewis, H. V. Smith, T. L. Jones, W. Pollock, L. M. Austin, and Miss H. Wong.

Mr. Thomas Winburn and Mr. Chang Cheng-kuo were among the passengers to arrive here by air. Mr. Chang was on Monday from Hanol.

Arrivals from Tientsin yesterday by the ss. Hunan included Mr. and Mrs. T. Atkes, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Blum, Miss A. Lau-trius-Belting, Mr. D. Christopher, Mrs. A. A. E. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Haenisch, Miss H. Haenisch, Mr. H. N. Laver, Mr. and Mrs. C. Oppalfens, Miss N. Oppalfens, Mrs. Margaret Stoch, Miss N. Tulakina and Mrs. P. Will.

Dr. Cheung Kin, Commissioner of Education of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has received an invitation through the British Council, to visit England. A casting meeting for this will be held today in the Lecture Theatre of the P.R.O. in Statue Square and all who are interested, both Members and those who would like to be members, are invited to attend.

He was Dean of the College from 1938 to 1947. The College functioned at Anking, Kweichow province, during the war years. In 1947, Dr. Cheung lectured in the United States. His lecture tour was sponsored by the United States State Department and the American Bureau of Medical Aid to China.

He also visited the United Kingdom at the invitation of the British Cultural Association. He was one of the representatives of the Chinese Ministry of Health at the World Health Conference at Geneva.

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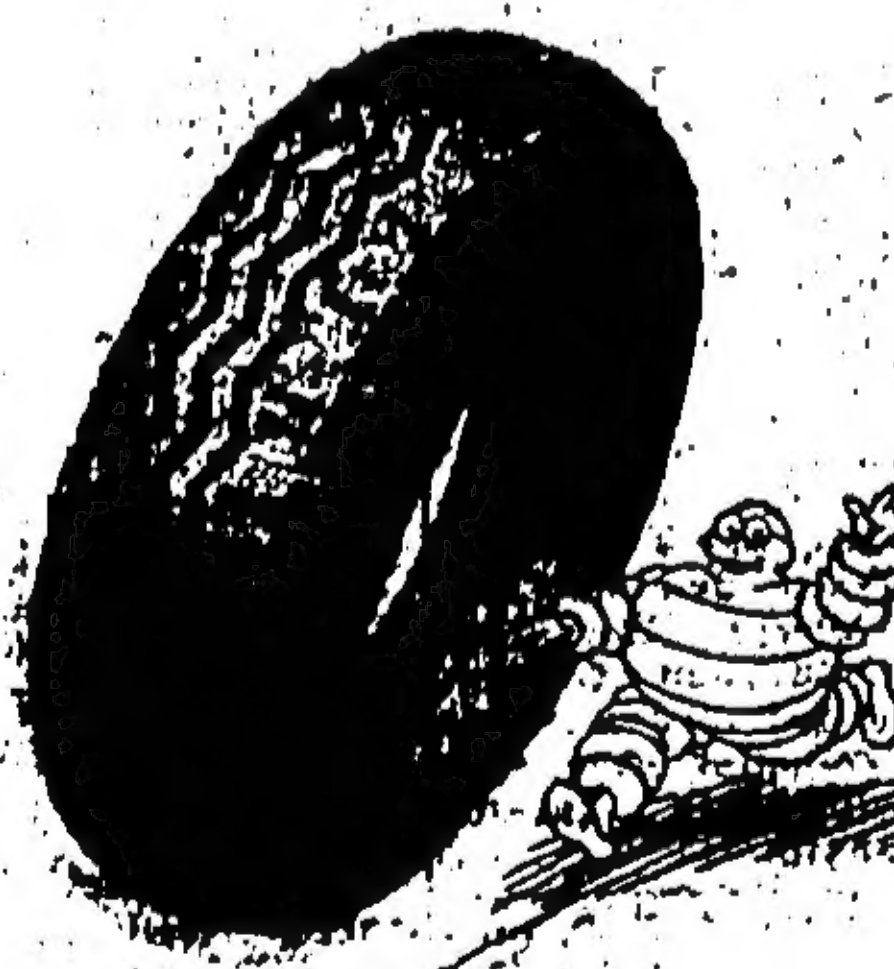
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(e) the number of bands, if any, intended to be provided by the organisers.

(3) The persons responsible for the organisation of the procession will ensure that peace and good order is preserved and minimise any obstruction or inconvenience and shall comply with any directions given by the Commissioner of Police as to the route which shall be followed.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

NOTICE

Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15th, 16th and 18th, 1949 respectively having been declared general holidays, this Department will be closed on those days except as under:

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Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 11, 1949.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 21st April to Thursday 5th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. A. BREMNER, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Albert Edward Clarke of 20, Magdala Road Dover in the County of Kent formerly of Public Works Department, Hongkong, Retired Senior Inspector, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 29th day of April, 1949.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 28th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

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By Shepard Barclay

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ACCIDENTAL SIGNALS CARELESSNESS in the playing of your small cards can sometimes result in your accidentally giving your partner a signal which you do not at all intend. When you have an engaged associate across the table, it is your business to bear in mind that he is likely to attach some sort of meaning to anything you do. In that case, if you don't watch your stop, you may find that an apparently unimportant play by you can wreck the entire hope of your side for beating the contract.

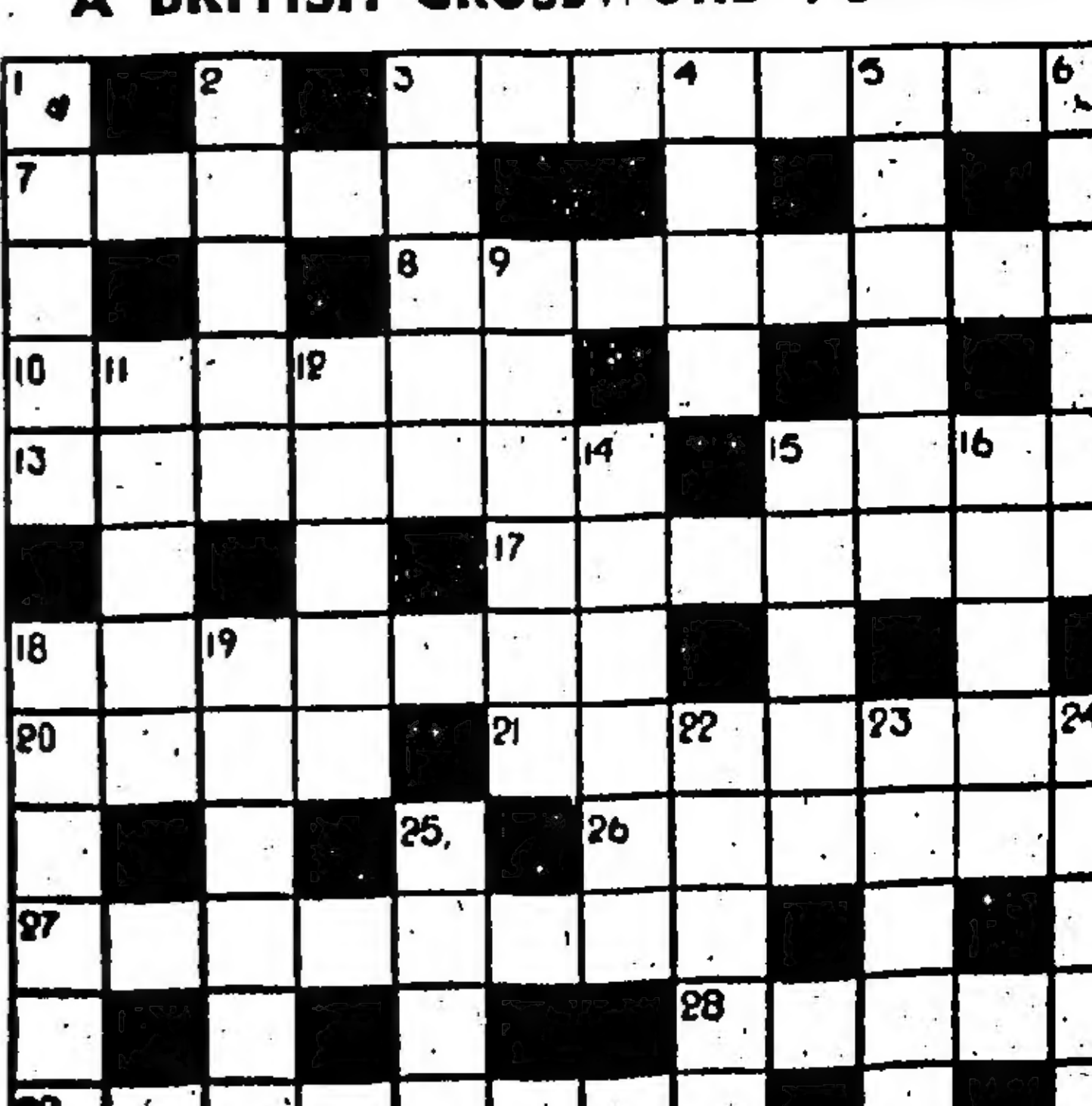
expected him to lead some other suit next, he watched his partner's play carefully for a guide as to what he should do. He was all set to see a suit-preference signal from West—a high heart if West wanted him to switch to the higher-ranking suit of spades and a low one if West desired a low one. When West played the second trick, East considered he had the information he wanted. So he led his club 4 next. That handed the contract to North on a silver platter, as the J got a cheap trick with it and North took the rest of the tricks without making a single uncertain play.

If West had been thinking, he should have known that his heart 2 would have that effect. He should have played either his 7 or 6, preferably the former. East then would have led a spade, which was harmless, and North would have had to lose a club trick later.

Tomorrow Problem
S 8 7 5 4
H J 6 4
D K 8
C K J 10 2
S J 9 6
H 10 7 6 3
D A 7 5 4
C 3
S K Q 2
H A Q 9 8
D 6 3
C A 8 7 6
(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

East made the natural lead of the heart K against that contract and West made what he considered the natural play of the 2. He did not pause to consider how that would look to his partner, who was a fine player and expert card-reader. From his post, seeing the singleton heart in the dummy and knowing everybody

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Across
3 Fragrant plant.
7 Beverage.
8 Death.
10 Pass by.
13 Regret.
16 Garment.
17 Sailor.
18 Excess of habits.
20 Dash.
21 Colouring.
20 Also old name.
27 Alienate.
28 Moistens.
29 Trend.
Down
1 Suffered prolonged pain.
2 Fight.
3 Hope.
4 Goes wrong.
5 Cleric.
6 Jacket.
9 Recluse.
11 Flat.
12 Unadorned.
14 Consuming.
15 Flashes.
16 Jollification.
18 Fault.
19 Secure.
22 Necessitous.
23 Details.
24 Coarse.
25 Wan.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS:—1 System, 5 Madam, 6 Demon, 9 Guitar, 10 Niche, 11 Minim, 12 Earn, 13 Turns, 16 Deceit, 18 Leader, 20 Siena, 22 Etna, 23 Ethic, 25 Opera, 26 Curlew, 27 Great, 28 Greed, 29 Nectar.
DOWN:—1 Suggests, 2 Suitable, 3 Edam, 4 Merited, 5 Monitor, 6 Animals, 7 Ashen, 14 Restrict, 15 Stranger, 16 Dastard, 17 Pelican, 19 Emerge, 21 Taper, 24 Cute.

ETHIOPIAN PLEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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3.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodies "Sweet Serenade" Peter York and His Concert Party with Paula Green and Stella Canyon (HUTTS)
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3.50 p.m.—"The Editor's"
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4.15 p.m.—Dance to Victor Publications, Ballroom Orchestra
4.30 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)
4.45 p.m.—Weather Report and Class Down

Lake Success, April 11.
Ethiopia, victim of Italian aggression in 1934, today appealed to the United Nations to save her from another Italian "pincer" in Eritrea and Somaliland, which would place her once more in the "jaws of a lion."

Mr. Ato Akililu, the Ethiopian representative, told the Political Committee, which is debating the fate of the former Italian colonies, that Italy showed a "lamentable record of occupation in Eritrea."

He was replying to the earlier speech of Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister. Mr. Akililu said the four-power Commission report showed clearly that over 90 per cent of the population of Eritrea is opposed to a return of the Italians.

He added that he was particularly shocked to see as a member of the Italian delegation a former Fascist Governor of Ethiopia, who had stood by while men and women were slaughtered.

"That man was on the war criminals list of the London Commission," he added. "His presence on the delegation is shocking." (Mr. Akililu was referring to Signor Enrico Cerulli, former Governor of Ethiopia).

Earlier, Dr. Jose Arce, of the Argentine, proposed that Italy should be given trusteeship over Libya, Somaliland and the Northern part of Eritrea, and Ethiopia be given the Southern part of Eritrea.

Mr. H. T. Andrews, of South Africa, proposed that Britain should be given trusteeship over Eritrea, France trusteeship over the Fozzani, and Ethiopia an outlet to the sea through Eritrea, but that wherever practicable the

restwhile Italian colonies should be returned to Italy under a United Nations trusteeship.

Wartime Pledge

Joint responsibility had not proved a success where tried, as shown in Germany, and he doubted whether the Trusteeship Council would have the authority and the financial means for an international trusteeship.

The United Government could not support the Italian claims to the whole of Libya, however. A large section of the Arab population in Cyrenaica might even resist an Italian administration by force of arms.

South Africa recognised the validity of the British wartime pledge to the Semitic tribesmen that they would not again be placed under Italian rule.

Count Sforza said that he has already prepared a corps of capable administrators, ready to step in if Italy is given any share in governing her former African colonies.

Speaking in behalf of the Italian delegation, Count Sforza proposed that Italy be given United Nations trusteeship administration over Somaliland, Tripolitania and Eritrea.

Libya Pivot

He did not mention Cyrenaica, but said that Italy favours a solution for the whole of Libya. It would be unfair, he said, to take a final decision for one part of Libya, postponing a decision for another part.

He said: "Libya must be the pivot of co-operation with the Arab world."

Referring to proposals that Ethiopia be given a part of Eritrea, Count Sforza declared that the annexation of any part of it would jeopardise the great advantages which have come to the territory through the Italian community.

He urged the Political Committee to reconsider the question of the former Italian colonies as part of the problem of the awakening of the peoples of Asia and Africa.

"It is against this problem that you will wish to examine this question," he said, adding that the British and American plans for the economic development of Africa could never be carried out without knowledge, skill and labour.

Of these three, he said, Italy was prepared to contribute her share.—Reuter.

First Jet Air Liners

Coventry, April 11.
Britain's new medium jet air liner, the Armstrong-Whitworth Apollo, has made its first test flight. Powered by four gas turbine engines giving the equivalent of 1,140 horse-power, the plane was in the air half an hour.

Capable of seating between 24 and 31 passengers, the Apollo is Britain's second air liner with propeller driving jet engines. The other is the Vickers-Armstrong Viscount which made its test flight last July.

These are the first two commercial aircraft of this type in the world.—Reuter.

FAMINE THREAT TO WORLD

London, April 12.
A leading British scientist said yesterday that a daily population jump of 57,000 is threatening the world with famine.

Dr. Julian Huxley, former Director-General of the United Nations Economic and Social Organisation, said that a world conference on the problem should be held immediately.

Dr. Huxley told the United Kingdom Commission, which supports the same objectives as UNESCO.

"In the long run, if something does not happen to the population increase, it will catch up on food production and then the human race will be in a very bad way indeed."

Russians refused to join UNESCO, Dr. Huxley said, has divided world science into two parts.

He described that as a matter of grave concern not only for scientists but for the world as a whole.—Associated Press.

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TITO SAYS:

'YUGOSLAVIA TAKES ORDERS FROM NOBODY'

Belgrade, April 11.
Marshal Tito told Russia and the Western powers today that Yugoslavia will run its own affairs and take orders from nobody.

"Our unity is unshatterable," said Premier Tito at the close of the three-day meeting of his People's Front Party.

"No difficulties can be so tremendous that we cannot overcome them. This Congress has presented a clear picture of our power and has shown us how we should work, what we must work for and what we must not do. We do not have to listen to anyone except the very voice of our people. Do not fear war, because the people will not fight."

Marshal Tito was interrupted nine times during his 10-minute speech, by tremendous cheers from the 1,640 delegates to the Party Congress. Before he spoke, the Congress, in one of a series of resolutions, made a bid for reconciliation with Russia and other Communist Bureau of Information countries, but it was emphasised that any friendship must be on the basis of full equality.

West Attacked
Other resolutions impartially attacked the Cominform for its campaign against Tito, and the Western countries for "war mongering."

Marshal Tito told his listeners not to worry because the Com-

NEW MEAT PACT

Buenos Aires, April 11.
Authoritative quarters said here today that the British reply to the Argentine note of March 31 on the meat question has in effect established a working agreement which bridges the meat shipments gap between the end of the Andes Agreement of March 31 and a new meat pact now being negotiated.

They said all threats of a suspension of meat shipments to Britain during the current trade talks have been removed.—Reuter.

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TATA—On 7th April 1949, a
daughter to Freddy, wife of
Ail Bejan Tata, at St. Paul's
Hospital.

AN HONEST ADMINISTRATION

In these columns today
correspondents take us in-
directly but perhaps justi-
fably to task for the sweep-
ing remarks of our corre-
spondent "Simple Simon."
The latter, with the idea of
confounding the statements
made by our contributor H.
G. W. Woodhead in criticism
of Chinese misgovernment,
has recently been claiming
that we in the British colony
of Hong Kong ought to put
our own house in order be-
fore attacking corruption in
Nanking, Shanghai and else-
where on the mainland.

From the outset, it is wish-
ed to emphasize that it is
not this newspaper's inten-
tion to publicize claims that
the bulk of the colony's civil
service is corrupt and "reek-
ing with corruption." Such
a claim is demonstrably un-
true. Most of our govern-
ment employees are beyond
reproach, and many do a
useful and hard day's work
on much less money than
their prototypes in commer-
cial life. The occasional "ex-
patriate" who lives on a scale
much higher than his salary
would justify is the excep-
tion.

The whole subject is a very
"touchy" one, and an editor
who wished no trouble would
understandably avoid any
mention of it. This may en-
able one to win friends and
influence certain people, but
it would nevertheless be a
factual avoidance of unpalat-
able but obvious facts.

Our position in Hong Kong
is not unassailable, and the
eventual goodwill of the
underprivileged masses is
essential to long term stable
rule. Many of these have
lived in the Colony most of
their lives, and are not con-
cerned with whatever cor-
ruption exists in China
proper. When they see
rottenness here, they become
easy prey for the Commu-
nist—who promises them
honourable—if harsh—ad-
ministration. These are dif-
ficult times, and the person
who criticises the status quo
is suspect as a trouble-maker,
instead of being listened to
as someone who wishes to
improve our present lot and
hopes for maintained, but
improved, British rule in the
years to come. It is no use
pointing to our relative
honesty and stability as com-
pared with conditions under
the Nationalists across the
border.

The "unlicensed" hawk
who believes he can continue
to operate if he pays squeeze,
although he will have only
the most miserable pittance
left; the crooked, criminal-
haunted, gambling school
which stays in business if
high money is paid; the
ticket scalpers who can make
a good thing out of their
racket if they grease the ap-
propriate palm; the litigant
who is repeatedly refused
access to the necessary court
documents until he has paid
over the required "fee"; the
person who wants to avoid
being evicted or who wants
to build a new house and
trusts until he produces a
sweetening of dollars; the
business man who wants to
put a deal through but finds
official co-operation entirely

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Outbreak Of War



I WENT ON ROUTE MARCHES in London with the King's
Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, during the early
weeks of the war.

My frame of mind, they had
been raised on sombre tales of the
mass slaughters on the Western
Front; they had heard all about
war from their fathers, its waste
and folly and elusive victories.

In 1914 the holocaust lay ahead
and unknown.

The British people outside
Buckingham Palace were of good
conscience.

None of the stratagems of the
great architects of the present
day mass State had been required
to herd them there.

They had been put in motion
by the simple loyalties and un-
corroded faiths of Britain's un-
commonly fine common man.

On the fourth day my personal
crisis was temporarily resolved.
I then asked my father for a
commission in the Grenadiers,
stating that I could no longer
tolerate being unable to serve
my country, and dear Papa
never hesitated a moment and
immediately instructed Lord
Stamfordham (his Secretary)

to notify this to the War Office.
It was a happy moment for
me and now I am an officer in
the Army and am going to do
active service. I got away from
this awful palace where I have
had the worst week of my life!

However, the question of what
to do about me was only one of
the private problems which this
war definitely thrust violently into
the well-regulated life of the
King and Queen.

Prince Louis

Our German connections, inevit-
ably gave rise to awkward sit-
uations; and my parents' behaviour
was an object lesson in public
manners; for they never sacrificed
kindliness and simple humanity
to the passions of the moment.

One situation involved my
father's first cousin by marriage
the First Sea Lord, Admiral
Prince Louis of Battenberg, who
had been born in Austria of a
German father.

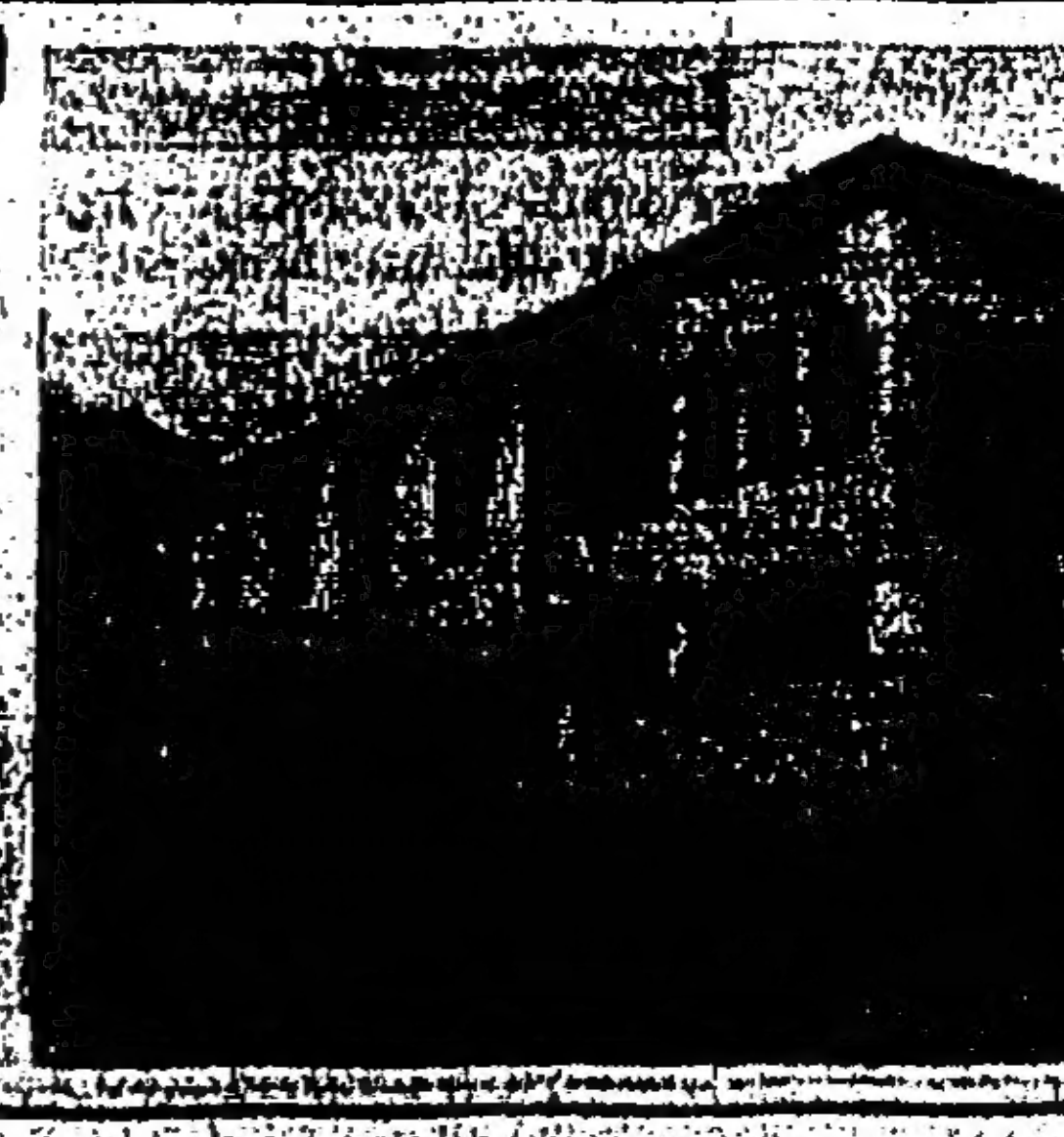
A public clamour arose. It was
said that it would be an
iniquitous and treasonable thing to
leave the Royal Navy under a
German; but my father, incensed
over what he considered a slander
upon one of Britain's finest
technical naval officers, not to
mention his own cousin, fought
hard to save him.

The smear campaign was taken
up by the popular Press and
finally reached the floor of Parlia-
ment.

In the end "Uncle Louis" had
no alternative but to resign. I
called upon him at the Admiralty
while all the fuss was going on
and the hurt showed in his tired,
lined face.

"This is indeed an ignominious
end to a lifetime of loyal service
to the British Navy," he said,
"but I shall not allow this to
embitter me against my country
or adoption."

DO YOU
KNOW
YOUR
HONG
KONG?



"What does it matter, if I am
killed?" I insisted. "I have four
brothers."

Kitchener's steady blue eyes met
mine. He answered: "If I were
sure you would be killed I do not
know if I should be right to
restrain you. But I cannot take
the chance which always exists
until we have a settled line, of the
enemy taking you prisoner."

As an ensign commanding a
platoon, or at most 40 men, I
would have put a lower valuation
upon myself.

Resigned to "West End duties,"
I reported to the 3rd Battalion.
By now my drill was sufficiently
good for me to go on "King's
Guard," and the adjutant accord-
ingly passed me "off the square."

Then, for two months, I took
part in the grand mounting cere-
monies which had thrilled me as
a small boy, and at the end com-
manded the detachment which
guarded my father.

But now with the British Army
hanging by a thread at Ypres the
fulfilment of a childhood dream
seemed to have lost some of its
point.

For the casualty lists had begun
to appear, and I found the names
of my friends, including brother
officers in the Brigade of Guards
with whom I had trained only a
few short weeks before.

My quarry "Willie," Cadogan
was killed with the 10th Hussars;
one of my cousins and two of my
father's equerries lost their lives
about the same time, causing me
to exclaim in my diary, "I shan't
have a friend left soon."

Last Order

Against the background of
these incredible sacrifices, my
efforts thereafter to find an
honourable place in the fighting
were of small importance, except
to myself.

Eventually, on November 10,
1914 at my father's direction, I
was sent overseas as a junior
staff officer attached to the
General Headquarters of Field-
Marshal Sir John French, Com-
mander-in-Chief, British Expedi-
tionary Force.

It was no doubt a lucky thing
for the British Army that not
many soldiers were sent off to
war in quite the same way as I
was.

The last order my father gave
me was that I should in no cir-
cumstances go into the fighting,
nor travel the roads behind the
front lines.

After a meal, Channel crossing
to Boulogne and a bleak drive to
St. Omer I reported to Sir John.
St. Omer is a small provincial
town in the department of Pas-
de Calais. With my soldier ser-
vant Finch, my old valet, now in
the khaki of an enlisted man I
shared a small house with half a
dozen staff officers.

At St. Omer I had my first look
at war—the Headquarters view.
We were about 30 miles from the
fighting out of earshot of all
but the heaviest artillery bom-
bardments.

'Over Soon'

Sir John French had sur-
rounded himself with older
officers and friends who instinc-
tively thought of war in terms
of the skirmishes and bivouacs
of the Boer War.

They liked their food and com-
fort, and in the opinion of us
young subalterns were often out
of touch with what was actually
happening in the line.

I well recall my father's in-
credulous expression when, dur-
ing his first visit to the troops
in France in late November 1914,
Sir John assured him the war

would be over by Christmas.
For a long time the nearest I
ever got to the fighting was
Divisional Headquarters.

My days were taken up with
paper work and the carrying of
despatches—made work. I pre-
sently realised, designed to con-
ceal my non-combatant role under
a show of activity.

The concept of duty was part
of my inheritance. It is surpris-
ing, then, that I should have
rebelled against being held in
idleness while my friends bore
the shock of battle?

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



"Soviet Union has now com-
pletely liquidated illiteracy."
All write at last.

The USSR's flying wolf exter-
minator is reported to have shot
438 this year.

Myrtle says that judging by
the whistles, the American air
forces still have plenty left.

An American general told an
audience in occupied Japan:
"The plain truth is that the war
we fought to liberate the human
race has fallen far short of its
goal."

The Japs heartily agreed with
him. Soilsal

Mr. Platts-Mills thinks Britain
is becoming an American satellite.
Obviously we should stop
mooning about.

ECA will carry out "rural
reconstruction work" in areas not
overrun by the Communists. These
are presumed to have been recon-
structed already.

When Greek meets Greek, it
they generally make a commonliquo.

Government's giving Britain's
population £12 taupes Tr's is
said by an American senator to be
a wicked waste of money.

They tell me there's no materi-
al change in building supplies.

We hear from England of a
slimy husband who, while away
from home, sent his wife a che-
que for a million kisses. The
wife sent back a postcard which
read:

"Thanks for the birthday che-
que. The milkman cashed it for
me this morning."

Bow down, my son, to the
"foreign ghost."
Give him the "high hat"—he
loves that most.

If he take your hand with ab-
horred touch
Bear with him bravely—it
costs not much.

For he comes to trade and his
gold is good.
Share as a wise official should.
As a son of Han with a salary
low,
Be glad that Buddha ordains it
so....

Woman to husband as she
arrives in the car with smacked
front. "By the police inspector
was so nice about it. He asked
if I'd like them to remove all the
lamp standards."

Parents of schoolboys who
were came have complained to
the headmaster.

The boys, I learn, declined to
stage a sit-down strike.

A German Innkeeper was pro-
secuted for serving beer and
brandy in soup plates to dodge
revenue. Besides, it made the
customers, sippy.

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ever got to the fighting was
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Sausage and Egg Rolls

1/2 lb. shortcrust pastry, 1/2 lb. sausage meat, 3 hard boiled eggs, salt, cayenne.

Place the sausage meat into a small saucepan and heat over the fire until the meat changes its colour. Spread on a plate and allow to become quite cold. Make the pastry, roll out thinly and cut into squares. Take a small portion of the sausage meat and flatten out in slightly smaller squares than the pastry. Brush the pastry lightly with water and place on the squares of sausage meat. Cut the hard boiled eggs into slices and arrange three slices of egg in the centre of each square on top of the meat. Sprinkle lightly with salt and cayenne. Fold the pastry over to form an envelope shape. Brush with yolk of egg or milk. Place on a flat tray and bake in a hot oven, temp. 425 deg. F. gas, 475 deg. F. electric, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve hot with brown gravy or cold with packed lunches or for picnics.

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6 hard boiled eggs, 1/2 pint white sauce, 1 tablespoon gelatine, 3 tablespoons cold water, 2 tablespoons finely minced ham, pink colouring, chilli, gherkin, lettuce leaves.

Shell the hard boiled eggs and cut into halves lengthwise. Remove the yolks, rub through a strainer and mix with the finely chopped ham. Season to taste. Place back into the whites and join together. Make the white sauce. Soften the gelatine for a

few minutes in the cold water then stir into the hot sauce. Stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Strain. Cool slightly, dip the eggs in and place on a flat dish. Chill until the sauce has set. Serve, garnished with strips of chilli and gherkin. A few drops of colouring may be added to the sauce to make it pink before coating the eggs.

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Screen Fashions

By HETTIE GRIMSTEAD

When David Farrar arrived at Britain's Denham Studios one morning recently, he was extremely surprised to meet Lana Morris wearing a dress of the same material as his tie. But this soft tie silk has become extremely popular with film designers, for it drapes becomingly and reflects the light well.

Blonde Susan Shaw has a new evening gown of tiny-checked black and white tie silk trimmed with a line of black silk braid round the skirt and at the waistline. Jean Kent puts on, a tailored blouse of striped orange and brown tie silk with a corduroy skirt. With the left-over silk, she had a tie specially made for her husband Joseph Ramart so that he could wear it at the same time "to match."

Pearls, which photograph better than any other jewels are always a popular screen fashion as the designers have to keep devising attractive new ways to wear them. A dinner gown of black moire covered with layers of net made for "Moulin Rouge" in "Another Shore" has cascades of tiny pearls on the long light-fitting sleeves and around the wide belt.

Mandarin Cap

Anna Neagle takes a long double string of pearls and twists them round her forearm from wrist to elbow. Margaret Lockwood has a round mandarin cap of black velvet decorated with pearl embroidery. She also chose loosely-looped strands of pearls to be sewn under the edge of the bodice, falling to the slim-fitting waistline, on one magnificent evening gown. The wide skirt, a dainty bow tie, of rich ruby red satin while the upper part of the bodice was snow-drop white silk.

Valerie Hobson, who designs all her own private clothes, has made a new white crepe afternoon blouse, high-necked and with wide bishop sleeves. To wear with it she has a selection of smart clip-on collars suitable for every occasion. There is a white one embroidered in coloured sequins, a long-pointed style with a black satin bow tie, a demure back-fastening clerical one.

Judy Campbell has had a new hat specially designed for her performance of "Clementine Walkinshaw" in "Bonnie Prince Charlie." It is a side-titled Scots bonnet in the authentic Campbell plaid, finished with a saucy feather, and was created by Lady Newborough, who runs her own exclusive millinery salon in New Bond Street, London.

Youthful Starlet

For the first time in her screen career, Zena Marshall is acting with her own husband, band-leader Paul Adams of the British Broadcasting Corporation's dance programmes (also known for his cinema music). They are in a new comedy "By Request" and Paul plays the part of a band-leader.

Zena is one of the youthful starlets to follow the vogue for lace headwear after dark. Another is 18-year-old Diana Dors who arrived at a party with a lovely old lace square draped round her golden hair. Complimented, she revealed that it was her own christening veil which she had discovered packed away in lavender in an attic!

Anno Crawford made herself a new evening tunic out of her grandmother's black velvet cape which was elaborately decorated with bugles. The elegant tie embroidery looks as fashionable today as it did when it was first handworked 60 years ago.

When Ann Todd attended a cocktail party recently, many



Zena Marshall, a J. Arthur Rank star, shows how attractively a lace scarf can be worn for evening wear.

people admired the unusual raised decorations on her brown velvet gloves and the little round handbag which matched them. Actually this was a pattern of tiny coloured sea shells which Ann had gathered on the shore when she and her musician husband Nigel Tangye were staying at their seaside cottage in Cornwall.

UK Women's Work For Export

About 18 months ago a scheme was inaugurated by the Women's Voluntary Services which enabled Britain's women to sell their best needlework to the United States and Canada. A company was formed for the purpose of handling the needlework, called Women's Home Industries, Ltd.

The scheme is meeting with great success and a great many beautiful articles are being made which are ordered by leading United States stores and private citizens. A typical assortment seen at the W.V.S. headquarters, Tobhill Street, London, showed the high standard which had been attained. One of the most fascinating articles was a "kettle-holder" rug.

Six feet long, it was so called because a number of members had each contributed a square about the size of a kettle-holder. Each square had been worked in fine petit-point stitch and depicted a bird or an animal on a bright ground, an English garden or an old fashioned cottage. In the centre was an immense bright bouquet of English flowers; the border was of deep blue. There is a great demand for this petit-point work in many forms and even fascinating spectacle cases are made of it.

Some lovely quilting was also on view and the various specimens were typical of the particular quilting stitch which varies according to locality. An immense bed quilt of blue satin lined with white had just been sent by the wives of Durham miners. Among knitted articles were the best that Scotswomen could produce; one sweater had been knitted so that the turtleneck looked as though it was a woven material. Smoking showed to best advantage on children's dresses, and many little girls across the Atlantic are now wearing charming smocked dresses made in English homes.

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GERMAN DIPLOMATS FOUND GUILTY OF PLANNING FOR WAR

Nuremberg, April 11.

An American War Crimes Court today found five top Nazi diplomats guilty of planning Hitler's aggressive wars.

The "Wilhelmstrasse" trial of 21 former German officials and advisers neared its end when the Judge, Mr. William Christianson, of Minnesota, began reading the 832-page judgment early today.

The verdict, the longest in the 12 Nuremberg war crimes trials, will be read in relays by the three judges in four full Court days.

The tribunal said that silver-haired Ernst von Weizsäcker, former Secretary of State of the German Foreign Office, was guilty of planning the invasion of Czechoslovakia, but that he explicitly warned Britain of Hitler's impending attack on Poland.

The others, found guilty of planning aggressive war, were: Wilhelm Keppler, Hitler's special economic adviser, Ernest Weermann, former chief of the Political Division of the German Foreign Office, Paul Goerner, Goering's permanent deputy for the four-year plan, and Hans Lammers, former chief of the Reich Chancellery.

The court ruled that none of the 17 former Nazi diplomats accused of waging aggressive war had acted under coercion or duress. Any of them who had opposed war schemes had said as little as he could, and in words as soft and innocuous as he could find.

Only 17 of the defendants were in court today. The other four are ill in hospital.

The tribunal acquitted all 17 who appeared today on charges of evolving a plan or conspiracy to commit crimes against the

peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It found that Weizsäcker, as an implementer and not as an originator, had done everything in his power to warn Britain of the impending invasion of Poland.

Murder Of R.A.F. Officers

The court found four top Nazi guilty of war crimes involving the murder of 50 Royal Air Force officers who escaped from a Stalag Luft and the lynching of other Allied flyers. The judgment dealt at length with attempts by two of the guilty Nazis, Gustav Steengracht von Mayland, former German Foreign Office State Secretary, and Karl Ritter, liaison officer between the Foreign Office and the Wehrmacht, to cover up the RAF murders by sending false diplomatic notes to the British Government.

The tribunal found that the "false reports which Ritter helped to draft and which Steengracht transmitted, stupid and inept as they were, were intended to deceive both the prosecuting power (Switzerland) and Great Britain, and at least to give a colour of legality to what was beyond the pale of international law."

The other two Nazis found guilty on this war crimes charge were Hans Lammers, chief of the Reich Chancellery, and Gottlob Berger, one-time SS Lieutenant Colonel and chief of the SS Headquarters.

The Tribunal found that Ritter was instrumental in fabricating a note to be relayed to the British Government, stating that certain "death zones" had been established for testing secret weapons, in which escaping prisoners stood in danger of being shot as spies.

False Report

While this notice was designed to deter further escapes, the tribunal also interpreted its actual meaning as a camouflage to conceal the murder of other escaping prisoners.

Ritter was also implicated in drafting a note to Britain which reported that the 50 Royal Air Force officers had been shot while resisting capture, though he knew that the police teletype reports on which this information was based were false.

The judgment said that, as a result of conversations between Weizsäcker and Sir Neville Henderson, then British Ambassador in Berlin, it was open to Britain either to endeavour to block the execution of any pact between Germany and Russia or, if this were impracticable, otherwise to prepare for the event.

"It is significant that Weizsäcker plainly warned the British of the danger of war and of Hitler's attitude before the Soviet-German Pact was signed (August 23, 1939), and informed Sir Neville Henderson that he believed that the Soviet Union would even in the end join in sharing the Polish spoils."

The judgment said Keppler played an important part in the invasion of Austria and acted as a willing participant in negotiating the fall of Czechoslovakia.

Faked Incidents

Weermann provided the border incidents, intended to place on Poland the responsibility for the outbreak of war, but the tribunal exonerated him from blame in the attacks on Russia, the Low Countries and nine other nations.

Lammers was said beyond doubt to have been a criminal participant in the German plans for aggression against seven European countries.

As Goering's deputy, Paul Goerner must have been aware of the aggressive nature of the plans under consideration, the tribunal thought, because the real aim of the four-year plan was to prepare Germany for war.

The court found Gottlob guilty of having actively helped to plan the murder of General Mesny, of the French Army, as a reprisal for the killing of a German general by the French Maquis. General Mesny was killed by SS men dressed as ordinary soldiers while being moved from one camp to another, but was officially reported as having been killed while attempting to escape. Lammers was also found guilty of helping to carry out a secret order to protect German civilians who murdered Allied airmen.—Reuter.

'Invader' In The Clyde

Glasgow, April 11. The 7,000-ton Lemsterkerk, the first of five Dutch ships "invading" Britain in an attempt to snatch freight in the India rate-slashing "war," arrived in the Clyde today.

She was two days late owing to stress of weather on the way from Oslo. She anchored off Greenock and did not take on any cargo, nor did she unload any.

She was supposed to be picking up merchandise consigned to India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Tomorrow she sails South for Liverpool.—Reuter.

KRAVCHENKO CASE APPEAL

Paris, April 11.

An appeal against the judgments in the libel case brought by Victor Kravchenko, Russian-born author of the anti-Soviet best-seller "I Chose Freedom," against the French Communist weekly, "Les Lettres Françaises," was lodged by a Paris lawyer, Maître Marcel Jarry, today.

Maître Jarry was acting on behalf of M. Claude Morgan, manager of "Les Lettres Françaises," Mr. André Wurmser, writer of an article in the weekly which Kravchenko complained of, and the paper itself.

M. Morgan and M. Wurmser were each fined 5,000 francs and Kravchenko was awarded damages of 50,000 francs on each of three complaints by Judge Henri Durkheim on April 4. Maître Jarry appealed against all three judgments.—Reuter.

UN HAS RIGHT TO PROTECT AGENTS

The Hague, April 12.

The International Court of Justice yesterday recognised the right of the United Nations to protect its agents in the performance of their duties.

An opinion had been requested by the UN Assembly in the light of attacks on UN agents, following the assassination in Palestine of the UN mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte.

The Court decided by a 11 to four vote that the UN has the right to claim reparations for damages to itself or on behalf of a UN agent.

However, the Court also held, by a 10 to five vote, that the UN is claiming reparations from a state, may do so only by claiming that reparations are due because of a breach of contract.

The dissenting votes in the first and principal decision were cast by judges from the United States, the Soviet Union, Poland and Egypt.

The effect of the opinion is

COCHIN CHINA POLLS: TREND FAVOURS UNION

Saigon, April 12.

Early returns from Cochin China's Consultative Assembly elections favour Vietnamese candidates who support union with Annam and Tonkin under former Emperor Bao Dai, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

Cochin China is the area at the Southern tip of Indochina and has been administered directly as a French colony.

The French Government recently approved the establishment of a Cochin China Assembly, and decided to permit the union with other Indo-Chinese areas if the inhabitants wish it.

Bao Dai, with France's blessing, is expected to resume his throne in Annam and Tonkin soon.

The electors are to name members of two branches of the Consultative group—one for French residents and the other for Vietnamese. First reports showed a high percentage of abstentions among qualified Vietnamese voters. French authorities put this down to either indifference or fear of reprisals.

The Viet Minh radio previously had carried threats against any Vietnamese who participated in the vote. In one Saigon section of 4,800 registered Vietnamese, only 589 cast ballots.

The Cochin China election results are not expected to affect the rebellion which Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh has been waging against the French for the past two years.

Ho Chi-minh's secret radio already has branded Bao Dai a "traitor" and a "war criminal."

subject to execution if ever captured by the rebels.

French Military authorities announced that land, air and naval forces had inflicted heavy losses on Viet Minh rebels recently near Longkhan, some 12 miles East of Saigon.

The forces raided a series of rebel supply depots and destroyed guns, ammunition and petrol, the French said. They said the Navy captured more than 200 small Viet Minh vessels.—Associated Press.

AUSSIE LABOUR DISPUTE

Melbourne, April 11.

Forty thousand coal and industrial workers in New South Wales are estimated to have struck work in protest against the imprisonment of a trade union official for contempt of court.

Reports suggest, however, that the country-wide wave of labour hold-ups, inspired by the sentence, may be subsiding, despite renewed calls for strike action.

Stoppages have already cost the country thousands of man-hours, and more than 37,000 tons of coal have been lost in New South Wales pits.

Melbourne seamen, dockers and iron-workers are due to walk out tomorrow but Sydney iron-workers have agreed to return to work. Victoria railwaymen have also agreed to stay at work.

The dispute is over the one-month imprisonment of a union official—Leslie John McPhillips, Assistant Secretary of the Federated Iron-Workers' Association—and has been freely described in the press here as a struggle between Communists and moderates for control of key unions.

The "Melbourne Argus" said today that Communist efforts to make the case a major industrial issue have not only failed but have reacted so strongly in some unions that resignation of officials has already been demanded.

The strikes have not been sanctioned by the Council of Trade Unions.—Reuter.

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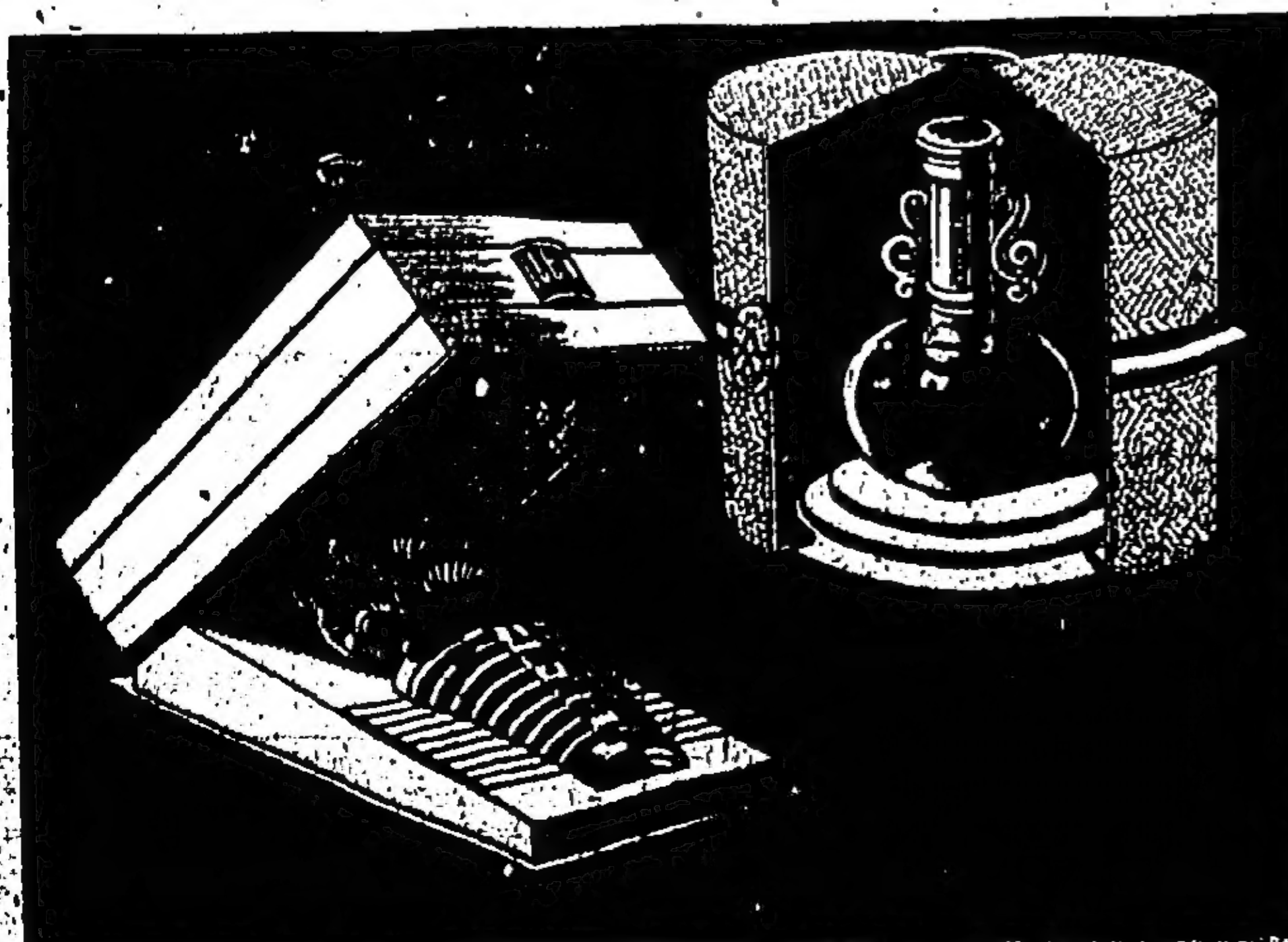
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Editorial

Self-Confidence And Conceit

There is a vast difference between self-confidence and conceit, and a true line divides the two, to distinguish one from the other.

The wonderful quality of self-confidence in a person can be best understood only by the person possessing it. Very often, when seen from the outside angle, this is construed as conceit. Why?—for various reasons, one of which is because of the short-sightedness of human minds.

What then is the difference between the two, and how can one be distinguished from the other?

For instance, the answer is this: A boy or girl of average intelligence—this is the first prerequisite of self-confidence—able to handle responsibilities with reasonable ability.

For instance, he is asked by the schoolmaster whether he is able to handle a certain job, say, organising a group for something.

He answers his master in the affirmative and proves it in effect, by acquitting himself with success.

His answer to the master was no guesswork. In the moment between the master's question and his own answer, he had asked himself and answered himself three questions: How big is the job? What are my abilities? Considering the two, what are the odds for success against the element of chance?

After solving these three questions he tells the master that he is able to do it and lives up to it. That is self-confidence.

Another boy's answer is also "yes" to the master. He starts on the job and can't finish it. That is conceit, because he considered only his own greatness, of which, he thinks, (a conceited fellow, that is) nothing can surpass.

We all have our opinions. And sometimes we allow them to get the better of us. The next time you meet the chap whom you think is conceited because he

Personality:

Ann Wood Off To UK

Teen-ager Ann Wood and her 11-year-old sister, Elaine, are leaving the Colony on Friday by BOAC plane for England where they will remain until the completion of their schooling.

Pretty, 14-year-old Ann told the "Topics" in an interview, that she was not absolutely sure if she and her sister were returning to Hong Kong. "But if we do, it will be in about three years' time," she said.

Although very attached, the sisters are quite different in their outlooks and interests. Ann is quiet and shy and prefers to sit home with some interesting books or attend to needle-work.

Her younger sister Elaine, on the other hand, loves the outdoors, and riding. Ann hopes to become a nurse one day, "and look after sick children," while Elaine is bent upon being a veterinary "because I love animals."

Ann was born in Hong Kong on April 16, 1935, (the day she leaves will be her 14th birthday.)

She made her first visit to England at the age of two, returning to the Colony three years later.

Ann started her schooling in Maryknoll Convent where she was for six months; going to Australia in July 1940.

She stayed in Australia throughout the war, living in various parts and attending St. Ann's

seems to think he can do a lot, be full to him and you may see a change in your opinion of him. A fellow with self-confidence, usually never belittles those weaker than him. A conceited prig or what ever you wish to call him, usually does. Spare him no mercy!

School, Rosely School, East Maitland and Katoomba School.

Sister Elaine: "The same thing happened to me. I was trailing my sister, two years behind," she



ELAINE

said in her typical way. Her birthday falls on November 25. The Wood girls returned to Hong Kong in August 1946. Ann joined King George V School and sister Elaine, always different, chose Maryknoll.



ANN

In England however, both Ann and Elaine will be put in the same school.

Ann's chief interests are reading, doing her needle work and gardening. "I have no particular preference for any kind of books," she said. "I settle down to any interesting one that comes to me." Ann reads literature mostly; now and again, a romance.

Elaine's books are about the only things that are similar to her sister. Like Ann, she delves into Charles Dickens (her favourite is "Oliver Twist") after an energetic hour or so of playing, after school, with her two cats, a collection of colourful birds or, perhaps, just climbing trees. Elaine doesn't like romances, though.

Many associated with the "Topics" will be glad to hear that the Wood sisters will be writing about how England seems to them when they arrive there. Meanwhile both Ann and Elaine wish to say a fond "good-bye" to all their teen-age friends.

We in turn, Ann and Elaine, wish you a happy life in England, and the best wishes for success in whatever you choose to pursue.

ALBUM PRIZES FOR DISC POLL!

As announced in the "Topics" last week, we take pleasure in opening the Platter Chatter Poll in this issue.

Fill in the form below and send your entries in to THE EDITOR, TEEN AGE TOPICS, THE "CHINA MAIL" WINDSOR HOUSE, HONG KONG.

There will be two prizes of an album of records each, for—
1) Teen-age contestants. These entries must be accompanied by NAME, ADDRESS and AGE.
2) As there is reason to believe that "Platter Chatter" is also read by many who have long passed their teens, this prize will be awarded to the "China Mail" reader of any age, wishing to take part in the contest.
All entries must reach the "Topics" by 5 p.m. on April 29. Judges will be appointed by TEEN AGE TOPICS and their decision will be final.

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Ideal Programme

Write down the 10 best selections which you think should be included in an ideal programme.

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Competition

Judging from the entries received last week, I can see that you are liking of the crossword competitions. Well I don't blame you, I am getting pretty tired of them myself.

The winners of this week's prizes are: Teresa da Silva (\$50), Sal Young-Choi Street, top floor, Kowloon; and Maureen Lye, (\$50), Parkes Street, top floor, Kowloon.

One word before we go on: Congratulations to Teresa da Silva, who has won the prize crosswords a number of times. Her entries are usually the first to arrive, correct and always extremely neat. I hope that you will continue to take part in the competitions, Teresa.

Many thanks for the many teen-agers who have been contributing regularly with their own made puzzles.

Well, about this week's competition. How about a photographic contest for a change? We'll try it anyway.

Many of you are often seen with cameras at games, outings etc. Send in your best snapshots with each entry—taken by yourself. I will trust you on that.

Preference will be given to pictures of teen-age life or activities of teen-agers within the Colony. So go to it, and let's see your photographic technique.

Tit Bits

The number of teen-agers interested in orchestral concerts is appreciable, judging from the attendance at the last concert given by the Light Orchestra.

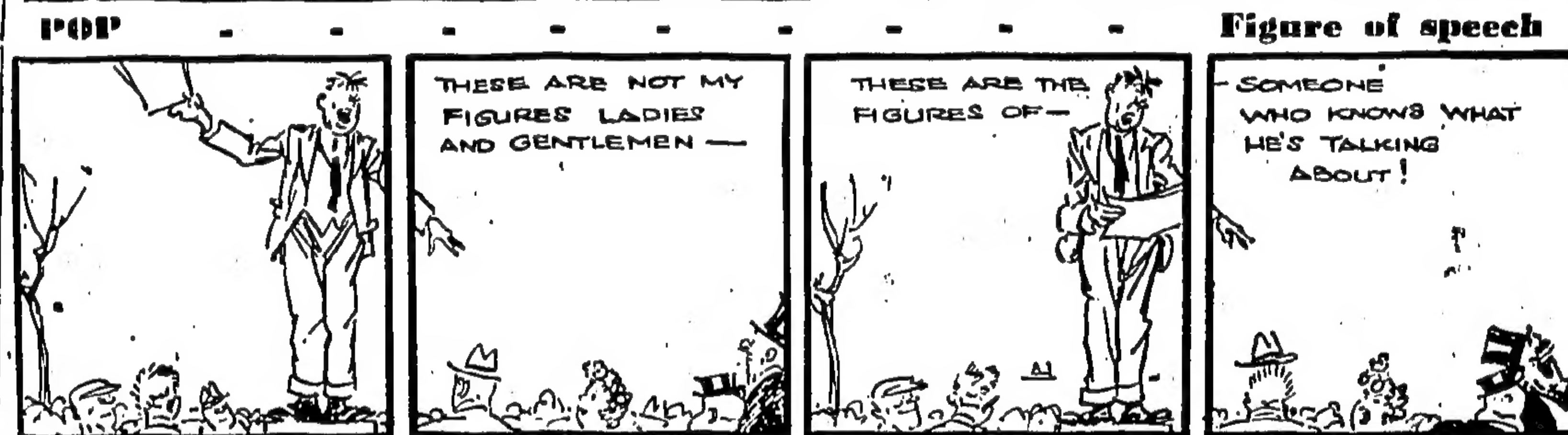
Among those present were the Anderson sisters. In charming ensemble, June Heather, famous in the local softball field, and a number of others equally charming, whose names the "Topics" reporter did not quite get, in the mumble of fleeting introductions.

Heather Anderson, incidentally, is now a working girl and liking it. "I have a living to make now," she said before describing her first swim in the USRC pool last week, after which both she and sister Shawn caught a cold.

Pippa Portallion, one of our "Terminators" some months back, left the Colony last week with her parents for six months' leave in the UK.

Friends of Geoff Baker will be pleased to learn that he is doing nicely in Australia and working very hard, so he writes. Girl friends of his, expecting letters from him are asked to take their turn!

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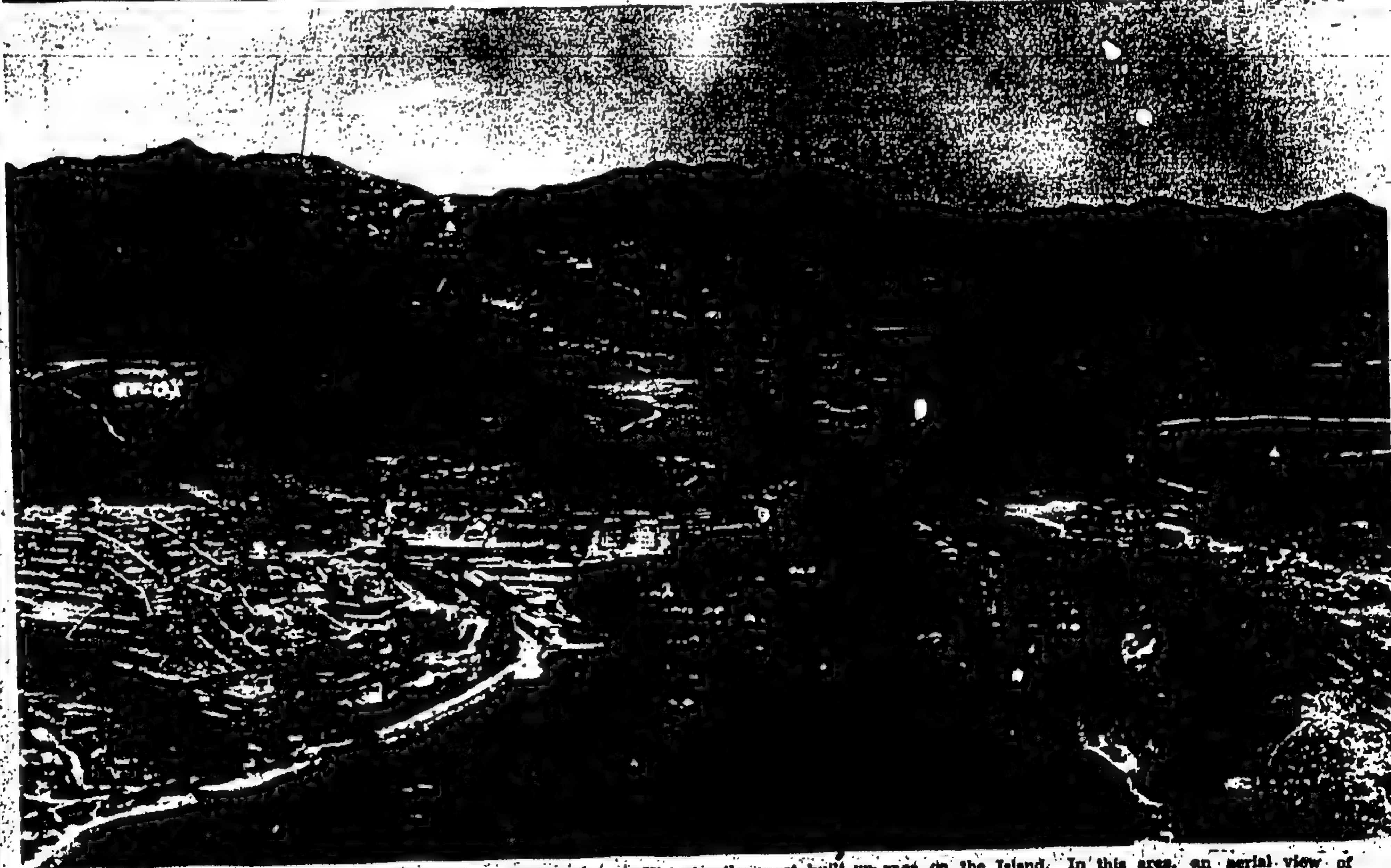
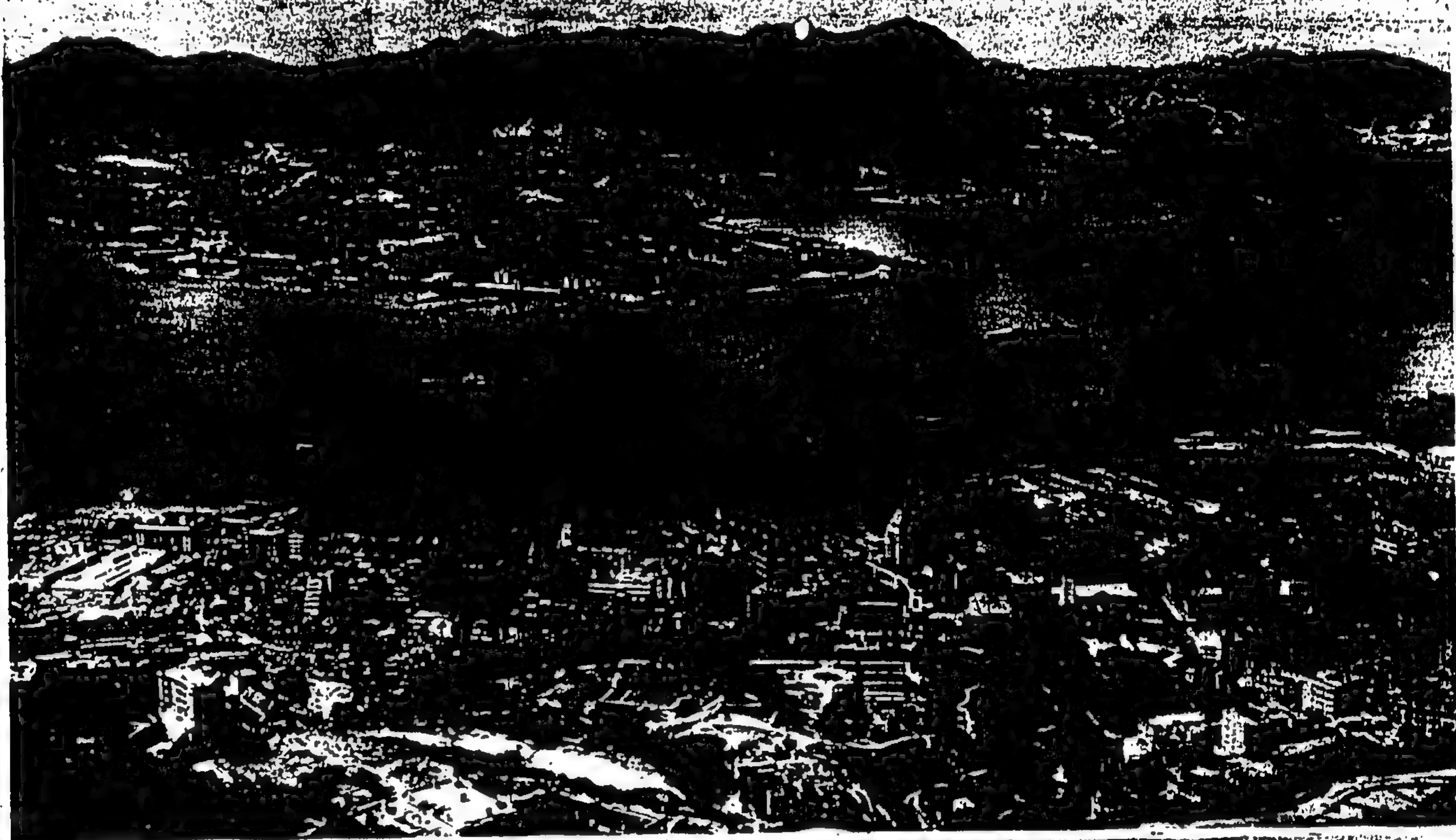
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CHINA MAIL *Supplement*



The capital of the 107-year-old Colony of Hong Kong is Victoria—the most built-up area on the Island. In this area, an aerial view of which is shown here, are all the banks, commercial firms, newspapers, shipping companies, and some of the best residential districts. In the background is Kowloon—the Mainland. (“China Mail” photo)

One of the two biggest fishing villages on the Island of Hong Kong is at Aberdeen which possesses an excellent sheltered harbour for shallow craft. Here is an aerial view of Aberdeen which the Chinese residents usually call “Little Hong Kong.” (“China Mail” photo)



Mr. Victoriano de la Torre (sitting), Consul for Argentina at Hong Kong, and the Consulate Secretary, Mr. A. J. da Souza. ("China Mail" photo)



Winners and runners-up of the Colony's Ladies Doubles Badminton Championship decided at the Kowloon Cricket Club last week. Left to right: Margaret Xavier, Mylthie da Silva, Jean Stokes and Adi Tamworth. ("China Mail" photo)



Dr. D. J. Sloss, CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, retired last week. At a farewell party he was presented with a cigar box by Mr. T. T. Chiu, President of the Hong Kong University Students Union. (Ming Yuen Studio.)



The 1948-49 Ladies Softball Champion team—the Wabocs—displaying the trophy and pennant which they won. (Ming Yuen Studio.)



Left to right: Carew, Mrs. Margretts, Mr. R. Shaw, Sir R. Calder Marshall, Mrs. Duff, Mr. Mr. Margretts, Mr. Teng who visited the Yung Hwa St recently.

Hong Kong's water fish supply is dependent on China where and man-made are used for breeding purposes. This is the Colony's fresh fish market where fish, brought to the Colony in launches, are distributed shortly after arrival here. ("China Mail" photo)

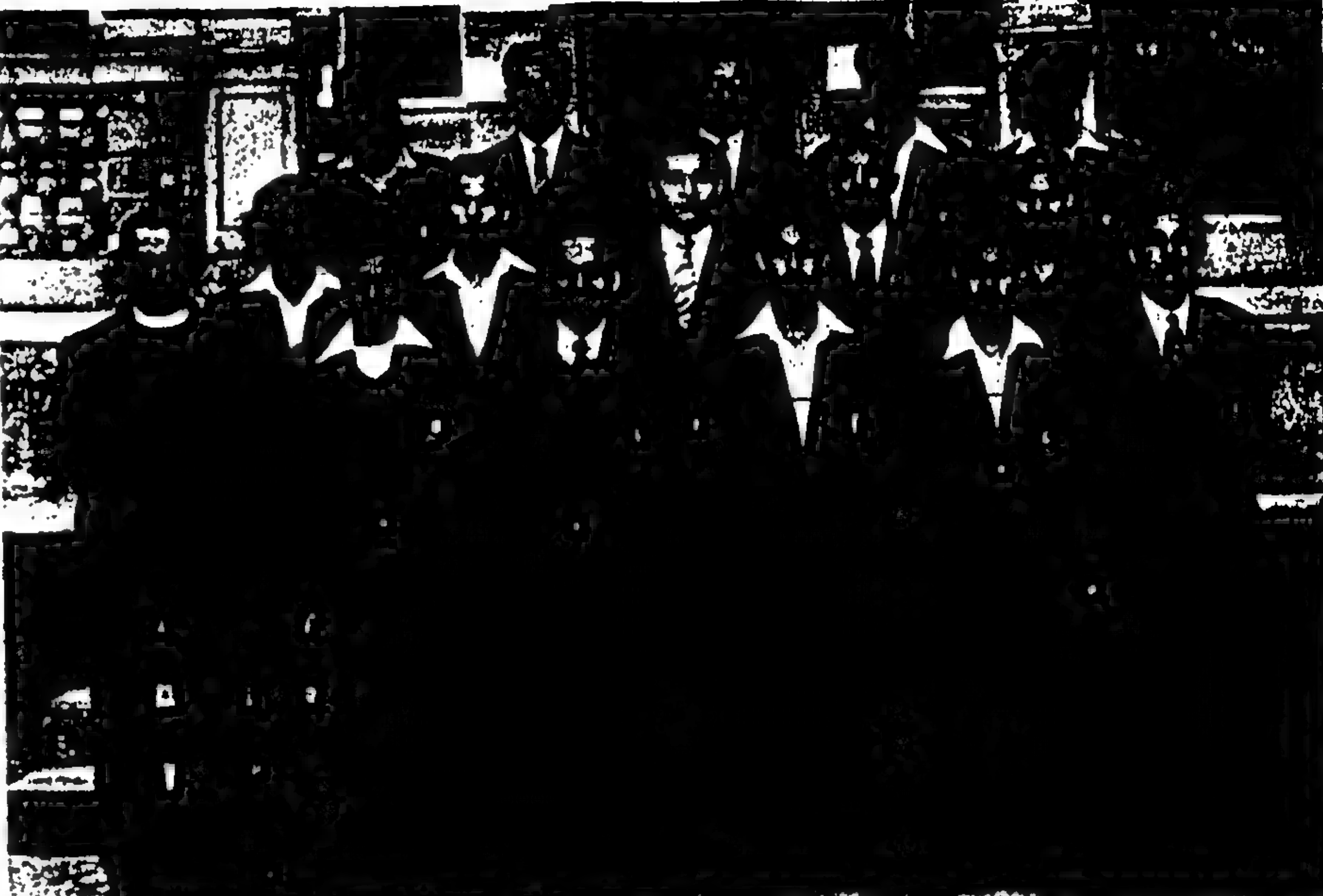
Mr. M. T. Yee, Hong Kong University, won the Junior Men's Badminton Championship. ("China Mail" photo)



For the first time in the Colony's history a school football team left last week for Manila to play the first interport game of its kind. The team, the Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers Schools Soccer XI, is shown here with the Reverend Brother Cronan. ("China Mail" photo)

Hong Kong's Chinese community celebrated the traditional Ching Ming Festival in the Colony last week. From early morning crowds flocked to the cemeteries to pay respects to their ancestors. Transport facilities were taxed considerably by the long queues. ("China Mail" photo)

For several hours from dawn on Ching Ming Day, long queues lined up at the bus terminus at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf to visit the Island's graveyards. At the cemeteries, the people burned joss sticks and set off fireworks in honour of their ancestors. ("China Mail" photo)



Three persons including an infant boy, lost their lives in the recent fire at Talkoktsai, Kowloon. The fire, which started in a wooden shack, burned furiously for four hours and enveloped nearby factories. ("China Mail" photo)



The staff of the Repulse Bay Hotel and the Lido held a joint welcome party last week in honour of Mr. J. H. Ehrlich on his appointment as Manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel and the Lido. (Sun Ying Ming Studio)



Students of the Hong Kong University with Dr. D. J. Bloss, CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University, who will be leaving shortly for home. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



After their wedding at the Registrar's Office, Mr. and Mrs. Kwang Hung-chak. Mrs. Kwang is the former Miss Chu Man-jin.



Mr. Edmund Y. M. Sun, President of the King's College Old Boys' Association, speaks to alumni at their recent meeting. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Y. S. Tso with their respective families after the wedding at St. John's Cathedral last week. The bride is the former Miss Mary Yeung. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Clifford P. Hayes, who were married at St. Margaret's Church recently. The bride is the former Miss D. E. Remedios. ("Kwong Ming" photo)





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Magistrate Denies Allegation

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Kowloon Magistrate, in evidence at an armed robbery case at the Sessions yesterday, denied that one of the accused had complained at the Lower Court hearing of being beaten up by the police.

The accused, Wong Fang, had alleged at the Sessions that he had been beaten up and had complained to the Magistrate.

Mr. Latimer, denying the allegation, said that if he had received a complaint he would have recorded it.

Convicted of taking part in an armed robbery at 20 Cross Street, second floor, on October 2 last year, Chan Sung-tung was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

Wong Fang, the second accused, was given three years' hard labour for having received stolen property, certain proceeds of the robbery.

Both accused, who were not legally represented, denied the allegations, declaring that they had been compelled by force to make certain statements by the police in the course of which they had been assaulted.

Wong, who admitted a number of previous convictions and who in the present case was charged with conspiracy to rob and possession of arms, will begin his new sentence at the expiry of the previous term.

The second accused will serve his present sentence after he has served a 22-month sentence for conspiracy to rob and possession of arms on February 15.

The jury, which was composed of three men and four women, deliberated for more than an hour before they returned a unanimous verdict on the first accused and a verdict of six to one on the second.

BELFAST P.O. REMANDED

Clarence Brook, aged 31, Petty Officer of HMS Belfast, was remanded for one week by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of perjury.

Detective Sub-Inspector Saul conducted the case, and Mr. A.S.C. Conner appeared for the defence.

It was alleged that on August 24 last, defendant being a witness sworn in a judicial proceeding, the Dockyard marine engine case—made a false statement.

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Reform Club To Meet Tomorrow

The third public meeting of the Reform Club of Hong Kong will be held at the Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel, tomorrow at 5.30 p.m.

Messrs. C. Loseby and Brooke A. Bernacchi will reply to the speeches of the Honourable Mr. D.F. Landale and the Honourable Mr. A. Morse dealing with the proposed Municipal Council plan and the need for constitutional reforms.

A brief summary by Mr. F.E. Skinner of the salient points of various schemes, alternative to Government's published plan for the reorganisation of the Municipal Council, received from Members of the Club and from the public will be given.

Following the summary those attending will be asked to submit their views as to the most efficient and equitable method of government for the Colony.

The Reform Club had previously announced its intention of submitting a plan for constitutional reform to Government.

While other organisations will undoubtedly do likewise, this is the first occasion upon which any organisation has invited members of the public to avail themselves of the services of an established body in presenting their views to Government. Opinions upon this subject are extremely diverse and a lively and interesting meeting is expected.

Watchman's Ordinance

An Ordinance to consolidate the law relating to the District Watch Force will have its First Reading in Legislative Council today.

One of the clauses of the Bill gives a District Watchman all the powers and privileges of a constable of the Police Force.

The Bill repeals the District Watch Force Ordinance of 1930 and includes a new constitution of the District Watch Force.

One clause provides for the application of the Ordinance to all persons who, at the commencement of the Ordinance, are serving in the District Watch Force.

Clause 4 vests in the Secretary for Chinese Affairs the supreme direction and administration of the Force subject to the orders and control of the Governor.

Clause 19 to 21, inclusive, deals with the discipline of the Force.

Offence To Give False Information

"It may be a criminal offence to give false information to a police officer, and the police will no doubt consider taking the necessary action in this case."

Mr. Blair Kerr said this at Kowloon yesterday when he sat as Coroner at an inquest into the death of an Indian male, Ibrahim, aged 60. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Deceased died at midnight on February 12 on the staircase of his house at Lai-chikok Road, third floor.

In returning the verdict Mr. Blair Kerr said:—"I find that death was due to laceration of the brain intracranial haemorrhage and shock resulting from fracture of the skull."

"There seems to be no doubt at all that he accidentally fell over the staircase. The only reason I hold this enquiry is in view of deceased's wife's statement to the police that someone had told her that she saw men running away from the scene at the time deceased was injured."

"She has now told me that this is untrue and that the unknown person who spoke to her, only said so jokingly and that the idea was to ensure that the police make full enquiries."

"I would point out that it may be a criminal offence to give false information to a police officer, and the police will no doubt consider taking action necessary in this case."

SEQUEL TO DISASTROUS FIRE

The disastrous fire at Tai Kok Tsui on April 7 had a sequel in Mr. Blair Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday when Leung Kam, aged 27, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining a gold ring by false pretences and was sentenced to six weeks.

During the fire, Ng Kau reported to the police that he had lost a ring. The same day, Chow Luk found the ring at the scene of the fire and picked it up.

Defendant was present when the ring was picked up and claimed that it was his, at the same time thanking Chow. Defendant also gave \$3 to Chow as tea money. The ring which was worth \$13, was sold for \$51.

A total of HK\$27,500 was raised as a result of the Salvation Army's Flower Day last Saturday.

The amount is considered very high, it was stated yesterday. An announcement by the Salvation Army added that the officers were deeply impressed by the cheerful giving of the man-in-the-street.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE Outward Mails

EASTER HOLIDAYS
On Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15, 16 and 18, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the holidays (except Sunday).
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

OUTWARD SURFACE MAIL TO UNITED KINGDOM

An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Ports per R.M.S. "Canton" will be closed on Friday, April 15, 1949, as follows:—
GPO Hong Kong: (Parcel) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 9 a.m. April 15, (Ordinary) 5.30 a.m. April 15.
CPO Kowloon: (Parcel) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 8.40 a.m. April 15, (Ordinary) 9 a.m. April 15.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949.
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 8 p.m. on the previous day, if 10 a.m. or later, at 10 a.m.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow (Kowloon CPO): 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 1 a.m., 3.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for Tientsin, Shanghai, Hankow and Amoy: Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tainan: Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 a.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Straits, 3 p.m.
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"CORFU"	16th June	16th July
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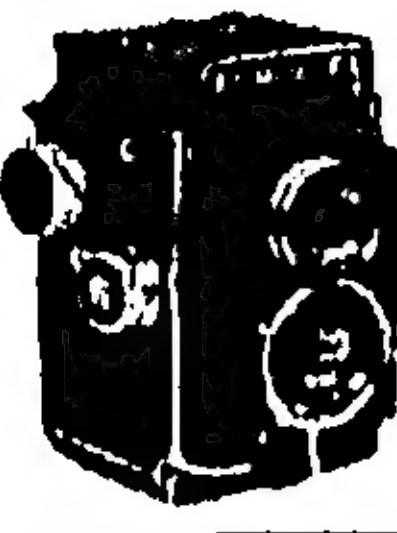
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- MONDAY, APRIL 18**
Commencing at 3.00 p.m.:
Court No. 1: Miss P. Ward & R.S. Capell vs. Mr. J.P. Lawes & E. Kell.
Court No. 2: J. Toller vs. Captain Turner Cooke.
Court No. 3: E.C. Fincher & W.S. Cowle vs. Dr. H. Huang & P. Chan.
Court No. 4: Mrs. C. Groundwater & Mr. Joffe vs. Mrs. E. Lo Liffon & Mrs. L. Tams-worth.
Commencing at 3.45 p.m.:
Court No. 1: Mr. & Mrs. T. Baker vs. Miss J. Broadbridge & H.S. Young.
Court No. 2: W. Gillies vs. C.G. March.
Court No. 3: H. Gabriel & W.A. Palmer vs. A.E.P. Guest vs. P. Lall.
Court No. 4: Mrs. A.V. White & Mrs. L. Lambert Baker vs. Mrs. M. Ribero & Mrs. P. Kules-wall.
Commencing at 4.30 p.m.:
Court No. 1: E. Rindall & P. Guest vs. T. Baker & Dr. H. Huang.
Court No. 2: A.E.P. Guest vs. P. Lall.
Court No. 3: Mrs. E. Lo Liffon vs. Mrs. J. T. Lawes.
Court No. 4: Mrs. E.C. Fincher vs. Mrs. C.J. Smith vs. Mrs. M. Lablans & Mrs. van Hous-ten.
Commencing at 5.30 p.m.:
Court No. 1: Dr. R.Y. Ng vs. C.R. Termon.
Court No. 2: P. Chen vs. A.V. White.
Court No. 3: A.W. Wood vs. J. Arzooni.
Court No. 4: R.H. Griffiths vs. H. Riddale.
Competitors may, if they like, arrange to play their games off at an earlier date or time, but under no circumstances may they play off at a later date.
A list of games to be played from Tuesday to Friday next week has been posted on the Club Notice Board.

Last Saturday the Champions of the First and Second Divisions, Hong Kong Cricket League, took on teams representing the Rest in what were, more or less, the last two official games of the 1948-49 season.
From the point of view of the Champions, the least said about these games the better, for in both cases they went down ingloriously.

Perhaps it was because they felt that these being in the nature of an excuse for them to play hosts to the Rest, they could afford to be the perfect hosts. Whatever the reason, neither Club de Recreation, Senior Division champions, nor the winners of the Second Division, Indian Recreation Club, produced form worthy of champions.
To make up for their poor showing in the field, both teams showed in their hospitality. In one respect they were real champions in their hospitality. After the games the two home teams entertained the visitors to drinks and light refreshments, and in general the players and guests made merry.
There were speeches, too, just to lend that extra touch to what was the finale to the League cricket season.
All things considered, it had been an enjoyable season. The only difference between the 1948-49 season and the previous one was that there was no shield presentations, but then a trophy is just a superfluous thing which, if available, is that much more welcome.
At Recreation the home team forced badly against the bowling of Stepto, Koh and White and were all out for a paltry 77. Then the Rest went in to bat and thanks to a fine knock by Oliver, HKCC, they were comfortably with over a century in hand.
The game at Sookinpong ended in a win by 69 runs for the Rest for whom A. E. Noronha, Recreation, batted excellently, and Matthews bowled accurately.
And so bats, pads, gloves etc. will be stored up until the next season—excepting for a few more friendly matches which remain to be played.

BASEBALL

New York, April 11. Exhibition baseball: Boston Braves 2, Baltimore 3; Cincinnati Reds 11, Montgomery (Selma League) 0; Cleveland Indians 9, New York Giants 3; St. Louis Browns 11, Wichita Falls 3; New York Yankees 9, Dallas (Texas League) 6. — United Press.



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Amendment To Stamp Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance of 1921, to authorise banks to issue cheques bearing the words "Stamp Duty Paid" will have its First Reading at the Legislative Council meeting today.
The amendment is said to be of mutual advantage to Government and to banks. The banks will have to account to Government at regular intervals for the Stamp Duty.
The amendment will do away with the affixation of adhesive stamps to cheques as at present the practice.
The amendment increases Stamp Duty from 10 cents to 15 cents in the case of receipts and makes import and export declarations liable to a Stamp Duty of HK\$1.
Under clause 4 of the Bill, the Ordinance will come into operation on May 1, 1949, and in the case of instruments which require stamping before they are drawn or executed it would either be necessary to exempt altogether instruments drawn or executed before such date or to make special provision.
The former alternative would entail a serious loss of revenue and it is accordingly proposed to treat such instruments in the same manner as foreign bills negotiated in the Colony.
Under section 18 of the principal Ordinance such bills must be properly stamped before they can be negotiated here. Similarly bills, cheques and letters of credit which are presented for payment, indorsed, transferred, negotiated, paid or used after May 1, 1949, will require additional stamps. Provision is made however to exempt from penalty the drawer and holders prior to the person who fails to comply with this requirement.

Chinese "Y" Celebrate At Dinner

The Chinese YMCA held a celebration dinner in honour of the Association's annual membership-cavassing campaign at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.
Mr. Lam Che-tung, President of the Association, reported that the year's campaign netted a total of \$137,640, which is the highest in the history of the Association's campaigns.
Mr. Lam said that the Association's swimming pool in Lanchow will be completed by the end of this May.
Mr. J. C. McDouall, Social Welfare Officer who presented prizes to more than 30 successful contestants during the dinner, delivered a short speech of congratulation.
More than 150 members attended the dinner.

Victoria Club Callover

London, April 11. Only Abernethy and Star King were backed for the Two Thousand Guineas when the card was called over at the Victoria Club here tonight.
Layoff offered 7 to 4 against Abernethy, 7 to 2 Star King and 10 to 1 bar two.
Lord Derby's Swallow Tail was made favourite for the Derby at 10 to 1. He was the only one backed for the Epsom classic, 100 to 1 bar one being offered at the close.
The Callover, the first on the two races, was one of the quietest in the history of the Victoria Club. There has been little winter wagering on either of the two races.—Reuter.

NO CAUSE FOR MORE COMPLAINT

West Bridgford, Notts., April 11.
A man who mislaid a £20,750 prize in a football pool competition because his correct entry was caught in the folds of a parcel and delayed has been told by the Post Office: "We trust you will have no cause for future complaint."
All that Mr. Lucian de Pontino, the unlucky competitor, received for his one in a million correct forecast was a photographic copy of his envelope bearing the postmark of the day before the matches were played, March 10, and an endorsement saying: "Found in parcel, March 11." — Reuter.

The Directors of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited, will recommend to the shareholders at the next annual meeting of the Company the payment of a final dividend of \$2.80 a share, free of tax, on "Old" Shares, and \$2.10 a share, free of tax, on "New" Shares.



The Army Singapore Soccer XI which arrived here on Monday for a series of games, were officially welcomed by the Hong Kong Football Association at a Cocktail Party at the Gripps last night. ("China Mail" Photo).

British Legion Holds Annual Meeting

More members and better co-operation among ex-service-men are needed, in order to swell the funds of the legion, said Mr. Cedric Blaker, MC, presiding at the British Legion (Hong Kong Branch) Annual Meeting, held at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday.
Mr. Russell, member of the Legion, said that regarding war claims, firms have been successful in recovering their losses. But, in recovering their losses, those who had been interned in Stanley, have lost their all. It is on behalf of these people that the Legion should appeal to the home Government to secure whatever claims they can get.
The newly elected president, Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, replied and said he will bring this matter before the incoming committee, but he doubted very much whether the Legion was the proper party to undertake such a petition.
The newly elected committee for the coming year is: Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, president, Colonel D. Clague, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Maugham, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. F. J. Wakefield, L. O. Davies, G. E. Popham, C. Smith and Mrs. I. M. S. Braude, committee.

U.S. Air Force Speed Claim

Washington, April 12. The U.S. Air Secretary, W. Stuart Byrington, said yesterday that U.S. Air Force pilots have flown hundreds of miles per hour beyond the speed of sound.
He did not specify an exact figure. At sea level the speed of sound is 764 miles per hour.
Mr. Byrington made his statement testifying before the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee in support of legislation to authorize a US\$311,000,000 programme for transonic and supersonic research.—Associated Press.

Navigation Course For Air Pilots

Eight experienced pilots of the Canadian Pacific Air Lines are now undergoing an advanced course in long range air navigation preparatory to opening the company's trans-Pacific services.
The services will cover some 15,824 miles of routes to Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. The men are Captains C. North, S. J. Stevenson, H. L. Madden, A. Vanhee, J. K. Potter, R. N. Goldie, M.D. Lee and L.G. Fraser. Together, their flying time totals more than 70,000 hours.
These men will captain the four-engine Canadair planes that Canadian Pacific Air Lines will place in service on the first Canadian air route to the Antipodes and the Orient.
Oral lectures and practical instruction, through "Mock ups" of the several aircraft stations, have been planned to give pilots a thorough knowledge of every operational position aboard the planes they will fly on the Pacific route, so that each man will be able to move readily from one post to another.
Astronomical navigation and the use of such aids as the war-time-inspired "Loran" are also included in the course.
Following completion of the ground course, the men will take to the air for practical survey and familiarization flights over the actual routes they will fly when CPAL inaugurates its trans-oceanic services.
A native of Edmonton Captain C. North, learned to fly when he was 17 years of age and obtained his private pilot's licence the same year—1932. He was made chief of Pacific Lines this year. His total flying time is 10,000 hours.

Soccer, Rugger Results

London, April 11. The results of soccer and rugger games played today were:
Second Division: Sheffield Wednesday 0, Leicester City 1.
Scottish "A" Division: Dundee 3 Celtic 2.
Friendly match: Bournemouth 2 Queen of the South 0.
Rugby Union: Cross Keys 3 Pontypool 3; Mounslin Ash 8 Aberllynery 8; Penzance & Newlyn 3 Cardiff 10; Redruth 13 Maesteg 11.
Rugby League: Bradford Northern 13 Keighley 0; Hunslet 7 Wigan 6; Swinton 7 Belle Vue Rangers 0; Wokingham Town 21 Barrow 2; Oldham 0 Halifax 6.—Reuter.

Soccer Result

PCA beat Tramways by three goals to one in a Second Division soccer game played yesterday afternoon.

The game between Army HK and Army Kln, originally to have been played yesterday, was cancelled, while the encounter between KMB and Navy was postponed.

Girls Play Mothers

In what must surely have been a unique event in the history of the Colony, the Senior Girls Hockey Team of the King George V School played last Saturday against a team of Mothers and friends in a match arranged by the Sports Committee of the Parents' Association, at the school ground.
The girls' team, which had been collected at short notice, by Mr. J. Moore, had only one opportunity of practicing together before the match and options were made among spectators before the match started. The girls' team, but the Mothers were on their mettle and during the first half defended their goal against repeated and well-balanced attacks by the younger side.
Not satisfied only with defence, they also occasionally took the play into the school's half, and before the half-time whistle, actually put the ball past the school goalkeeper, only to have their goal disallowed because the ball was struck from outside the circle.
In the second half of the game the disparity in ages of the two teams began to show, and the school's half was attacked and the play in the mothers' half of the field.
Soon after half time the school managed to score a goal, but were unable to split the mothers' defence and the game levelled and worth watching.
Perhaps some of the mothers who put up such a sporting game wondered next day if it was all worth the fuss of a regular match of this kind between the school and the older generation.
The Parents' Association are arranging a football match between the school and Fathers on Saturday, April 23. (Contributed).

Hockey Fixtures

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Malaya v Ireland, King's Park (RNRCC), 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: Yeo Sigs Gater.—P.F. Xavier.
Dutch HC v Civil Service, Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: S. E. P. O. Yeomans.—H. H. Binko.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
RAF v HK Police, Kai Tak, 5.30 p.m.; Umpires: B.S.M. Wilson.—A.M. Silver.
All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30381 Ext. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Score-keepers are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible after the match.

TOC H MEET

The Reverend Mr. G. M. Stevenson will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Toc H tonight.
His subject "Atonement."
Toc H meet at Talbot House, 30, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. The members invite all interested including women to the meeting this evening.

IRELAND XI

The following is the 'Ireland' hockey team to meet Malaya at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday April 17, at Kings Park:—(RNRCC).
Capt. McGrath, Sgt. Corr Sgt. Major Hunt (Army) LACB Doyle, Gibson, and Condy (RAF) Ldg/ Wtr. Morrison, P. O. Heward (Navy) M. Joyce, and E. Kane (Dockyard) Insp. J. Wall (Police).
Shirts will be provided. Any of the above named unable to play are to notify E. Kane on 30381. Ext. 190 before Friday.

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No World Open Lawn Tennis In Sight

London, April 12. A World Open lawn tennis tournament, with amateurs and professionals competing on equal terms, appears as far away as ever. From time to time suggestions have been put forward and efforts have been made to stage such a tournament, but on each occasion the governing amateur bodies have frowned on the idea.

The latest attempt came from America, but it has fallen through as a result of the United States Lawn Tennis Association's decision not to sanction an open event.

Another former Wimbledon champion, Fred Perry, advocates throwing open Wimbledon to professionals. He points out that tennis is now big business and ideas are changing.
Donald Hodge, another world champion, predicted last year that Open tournaments were "on the way." He suggested that the first Open event would be established within the next five years.—Reuter.

Blackpool Boxer Keeps British Title

Nottingham, April 11. Ronnie Clayton, the 26-year-old Blackpool boxer, retained his British and British Empire featherweight titles with a clear points' victory against Johnny Molloy, of St. Helen's, Lancashire, here tonight.
Apart from a few of the early rounds, when Molloy appeared quite confident, Clayton did nearly all of the fighting. It was his right hand which paved the way for victory.
He dropped Molloy for a count of eight in the second round with a beautifully timed right hook to the jaw, and with another smashing right to the jaw in the sixth round he put the challenger down for good. After that he was well on top.
It seems likely that Clayton will now fight either Tony Lombard, the South African champion, for the Empire title, or Al Phillips, the London featherweight.—Reuter.

Nothing To Gain

He pointed out that the rules of the Association forbid amateurs from playing with professionals, and added: "We should have nothing to gain from an Open event. The situation cannot be likened to that in golf. We have the organisation in tennis and the bulk of the playing talent. The professionals would just use us for their own means—a good way to get rich purses."
Many people think that Open events will come eventually and the professionals are in favour of them.

GIRL WINS

Milan, April 11. A 12-year-old girl, Annunziata Marchesi, won 25,000,000 lire (about £12,500) in last week's Italian football pools. It was announced here today.
She won the prize for an outlay of 50 lire (about sixpence). She is a member of a large family working a dairy farm on the outskirts of Milan.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Easter Race Meeting, Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1949

There are twelve races each day. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).
Through Numbers (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.
The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's office will close at 10 a.m. each day.
Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.
A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 2 Bar (Tel. 27818).
NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.
PUBIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is 5 pence each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.
Bookmakers, the two men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.
SERVANTS' PASSSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER:
S. A. SING, Secretary.